

# Continuity plan - Level I

Plan valid until 15 December 2021 (upper management decision in consultation with the scientific committee). Any measures introduced by the authorities that are more restrictive than those set out in our continuity plans will take precedence. The Continuity Plan - Level I is an integral part of the Directive Setting out the Conditions Underpinning EPFL's COVID-19 Protection Plan. For details, go to <https://go.epfl.ch/continuity>.



State of the pandemic	No special situation	State of the pandemic - moderate	State of the pandemic - serious	State of the pandemic - critical
EPFL scenario	Normal operations	Continuity Plan - Level I	Continuity Plan - Level II	Continuity Plan - Level III
Description	No special measures	Remote working no longer required; classes and practicals held in-person; events subject to restrictions; travel permitted (except to risk countries on the FOPH list)	Remote working mandatory; classes online; in-person practicals possible; events and travel subject to restrictions	Classes and practicals online; remote working unless on-site working authorized; no events; no travel
On-campus presence	No special restrictions	Subject to conditions	Authorization required	Only if authorized by upper management

Each of these scenarios is an integral part of the Directive Setting out the Conditions Underpinning EPFL's COVID-19 Protection Plan.

Health & safety guidelines	
Testing	Tests available free of charge
Social distancing	Distance of at least 1.5 meters between people
Face masks	You must wear a mask inside buildings and whenever you are near other people outside (such as in a waiting line). Until 31 October, masks are required for all study-related activities (classes, exercise sessions, studying and practicals) in addition to COVID certificates. Teachers are allowed to remove their mask during class. Special requirements may apply to events that require a COVID certificate
Study-related activities	
Classes	COVID certificates and masks are mandatory for classes and exercise sessions
Practical work sessions	COVID certificates and masks are mandatory. Teachers may request an exception from the AVP-E if no online alternative is possible, but in such cases the 2/3 room-capacity limit, face masks and social distancing are mandatory
Study spaces	COVID certificates and masks are mandatory
Exams	No special measures
Work- and association-related activities, semester projects and workshops, Master's and MAKE projects <sup>1</sup>	
Activities that require the use of on-site facilities (experimental research, technical equipment)	No special measures; the units must keep updated attendance lists
Activities that do not require the use of on-site facilities (theoretical research, administrative work)	No special measures: rotating schedule recommended with up to half of unit staff working on site and the remaining half working remotely; the units must keep updated attendance lists
Outside speakers, visitors	No special measures; the units must keep updated attendance lists
Events and meetings <sup>2</sup>	
In-person events (public thesis defenses, sporting, artistic and religious activities, filming and off-campus events)	Indoors: COVID certificates mandatory. Outdoors: for 500 people or fewer, COVID certificates and face masks not mandatory but strongly recommended. See the requirements <a href="#">online</a>
Work-related meetings, science outreach events	No attendance limit; face masks, social distancing and 2/3 room capacity mandatory; food and beverages not permitted
Association meetings and rehearsals	Maximum 30 people; face masks, social distancing and 2/3 room capacity mandatory; food and beverages not permitted
Event-related catering services	Events requiring a COVID certificate: no restrictions. Events not requiring a COVID certificate: see the requirements <a href="#">online</a>
Cultural sites	Must comply with the cantonal and federal directives currently in effect
Travel and time spent abroad	
Work-related travel	Work-related travel is again permitted, except to <a href="#">countries on the FOPH list</a> and to <a href="#">countries the FDFA discourages travel to</a>
Study-related travel (e.g., classes, research)	Allowed, provided that all respective national-level regulations are complied with
Personal travel abroad	Allowed. If you must go into quarantine upon returning to Switzerland and your work cannot be done remotely, then the time off will be deducted from your holiday entitlement
Services for EPFL students, staff and units	
Health Point	Open
Student support services	Open
Esplanade Welcome Desk, Student Services Desk, Camipro Desk and Poseidon Helpdesk	Partially open (details provided online)
HR Desk	Via email: <a href="mailto:rh@epfl.ch">rh@epfl.ch</a>
Restaurants and catering services	Open, in compliance with the healthy and safety guidelines; COVID certificates required to enter an indoor, public catering establishment
Operations	
Building access	Access only for EPFL community members according to the rules and procedures set out by the head of Safety, Security & Operations
Ventilation	Recirculate as little air as possible (and bring in as much fresh air as possible); monitor CO <sub>2</sub> in lecture halls
Room configurations	Work places should be marked so as to maintain social distancing; disinfectant should be available for hands and surfaces
Facilities management	Official health and safety guidelines displayed and hand sanitizer dispensers provided at main entrances; additional sanitization procedures for classrooms and study rooms

<sup>1</sup> Remote working must be done from Switzerland or, for those holding a G permit, a border region.

<sup>2</sup> Study-related events held at other institutions must comply with the rules in effect there.