Health & safety guidelines

Testing
Self-tests available free of charge; rapid PCR tests (to get a COVID certificate) and pooled PCR tests available through the EPFL testing center.

Face masks
No specific measures

Study-related activities
Classes
No specific measures

Practical work sessions
No specific measures

Study spaces
No specific measures

Exams
No specific measures

Work- and association-related activities, semester projects and workshops, Master’s and MAKE projects
Remote working must be done from Switzerland or, for those holding a G permit, a border region.

Events and meetings
Events (talks, workshops, seminars, filming, thesis defenses, short continuing education courses, science outreach events, association meetings and rehearsals)
No specific measures

Work-related meetings
No specific measures

Cultural sites
No specific measures

Travel and time spent abroad
Work-related travel
Work-related and academic travel is again permitted, except to countries on the FOPH list and countries the FDFA discourages travel to.

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, Student support services
Open

Esplanade Welcome Desk, Student Services Desk, HR Desk, Camipro Desk and Poseidon Helpdesk
Open

Restaurants and catering services
No specific measures

Operations
Building access
No specific measures

Core facilities
No specific measures

Ventilation
Recirculate as little air as possible and bring in as much fresh air as possible; monitor CO₂ in lecture halls

Room configurations
No specific measures; disinfectant should be available for hands and surfaces

Facilities management
No specific measures; possible preventive display of protection measures and installation of disinfection equipment at the main entrances of buildings depending on the situation

State of the pandemic
No special situation

State of the pandemic - moderate
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)

State of the pandemic - serious
Remote working mandatory; classes online; in-person practicals possible; events and travel subject to restrictions

State of the pandemic - critical
Classes and practicals online; remote working unless on-site working authorized; no events; no travel

EPFL scenario
Normal operations

Continuity Plan - Level I
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)

Continuity Plan - Level II
Remote working mandatory; classes online; in-person practicals possible; events and travel subject to restrictions

Continuity Plan - Level III
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.