



Graz, 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020

### **Further relaxations of the KUG measures against COVID-19**

Dear Sir or Madam,  
dear colleagues,  
dear students,

as a result of a detailed discussion in the extended Task Force for Crisis Management of the University of Music and Performing Arts Graz we can refer here about further relaxations of our measures against the spread of COVID-19:

1) The obligation to wear a face mask (mask obligation) is no longer valid, no matter whether you are entering a building of the KUG or you are at traffic areas inside the buildings. In view of the currently low infection rates and the Austrian-wide regulations in this point, we consider it reasonable to refrain from this requirement at present and to leave the protection of others to your personal responsibility and consideration. At the same time, it is important for us that every KUG member continues to have the opportunity to claim the use of face masks when meeting with others and also take advantage of it without any hesitation.

In situations in which the required minimum distance cannot be maintained on a permanent basis, the face mask remains obligatory, as for example in public transport. Therefore, please make sure to carry a face mask with you so that you can use it if necessary.

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2) The stay at the KUG is no longer linked to the building opening hours. So the duration of stay can be planned more freely. This means that our KUG house rules apply again with an immediate effect: Teaching is also possible outside the opening hours of the buildings, there are no longer any time restrictions for teachers, and students can also enter the university outside of the opening hours together with their teachers. Registration and a note in the attendance lists at the building exits continue to be required when coming in and going out. For this purpose, the lists are still available also after the end of the opening hours. Please be sure to participate in this central instrument for the traceability of contacts among KUG members! It is an essential task of the university to enable contact tracing, which is important for the prevention of further spread of the virus in case of infection. This demand on our house will probably stay also after the summer.

3) The summer holidays were limited to August in order to provide the opportunity to catch up on what could not take place in a form of distance learning. Because of the questions regarding to this regulation, we would like to point out that lessons can, of course, also take place in August if both sides - teachers and students - wish it.

In order to keep this letter as short and clear as possible, we refer to the KUG safety rules in all other points. You will find them, updated regarding mask obligation and presence outside of opening hours, enclosed and on our website (Note: If you have already signed a security instruction or the KUG security rules, it is not necessary to do this again. For all of those who have not yet agreed to the list management within the scope of the access controls by signature, the valid document is still available at the central building entrances of the KUG).

I wish you all the best, stay optimistic and safe!

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for the extended Task Force for Crisis Management