

Dear CECAD members,

Even if the vaccination rate is very high among UKK and CECAD employees, the current steep increase in COVID and the accompanying pressure on the hospitals has led to new measures from the government and the University Hospital. Below a summary of those that directly affect CECAD:

- Since November 18: Nationwide, only recovered, vaccinated or tested persons are allowed to **be at CECAD (3G regulation)**. Compliance with this 3G regulation has to be checked and documented by the employer on a daily basis. For testing a rapid antigen test is sufficient, which is valid for 48 hours.
 - Currently, lab heads are responsible that these checks are carried out and documented in their work groups. Persons who have not been (fully) vaccinated or were ill and have recovered require an official negative rapid antigen test to be at work or return to work. Please keep in mind that those tests are only valid for 48 hours.
 - It is currently not clear if for future validation of the 3G status for not vaccinated persons rapid tests can be executed at CECAD and will be provided by the UKK or UzK but as soon as we receive an update we will inform you. In the meantime, please use the free citizen testing services that are again available. Below the address for the test center at the University:

MEDICARE TESTZENTRUM
KÖLN-UNIVERSITÄT
Universitätsstraße 37
50931 Köln, Gebäude 106

KONTAKTDATEN

Telefon: 0221-29203491

Kontakt: <https://medicare.zendesk.com/hc/de>

Starts at 7:00, Book an appointment here: <https://covid-testzentrum.de/koeln-uni/>

- From November 22, the **3G regulation has to be strictly controlled for external visitors** on the clinical campus. Please reduce the attendance of external persons in the CECAD building to a necessary minimum and fill in the contact sheet, provided at the entrance.
- In order to obtain a complete overview, the UKK requires anonymous data of the vaccination status on campus in order to determine potential measurements. This data **is currently being determined** for CECAD on behalf of the UKK.
- The University Hospital started with **booster vaccinations for their employees***. We are currently in contact with them to examine whether we can organize a decentralized vaccination for CECAD people. As we do not know yet if and when this could happen, we encourage everybody to arrange her/his booster vaccination privately in parallel.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions (cecad-questions@uni-koeln.de).

Take care and stay healthy!

Very best wishes,

Carien Niessen, Thorsten Hoppe and Sibylle Grandel

*<https://intranet.uk-koeln.de/unternehmensbereiche/bereiche-vertretungen/krankenhaushygiene/coronavirus/corona-impfung>