

Continuity plan

Plan valid until 31 March 2022 (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 |
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| 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 | |
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| 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 |
| Social distancing | No specific measures |
| 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 ¹ | |
| Remote working | No specific measures |
| Outside speakers, visitors | No specific measures |
| Events and meetings ² | |
| 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 CO ₂ 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 |

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

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