Information on coronavirus 11 January 2022

Due to the epidemic taking a turn for the worse, the authorities have issued further specifications to the existing coronavirus-related restrictions. At Aalto University, the restrictions affect teaching to some extent. Remote work is still recommended for the time being. No public events will be held in Aalto’s indoor spaces during January. The guidelines below were mainly reported before Christmas.

Teaching, working and events on campus

Aalto University requires that face masks be used in all spaces where other people are present. You must not visit the campus if you are ill, or if you show symptoms consistent with coronavirus.

The authorities have recommended that all universities switch to distance learning, with the exception of essential contact teaching. We wish to ensure the possibility for contact teaching whenever possible, as there is strong evidence that it is beneficial for student learning and well-being. Aalto University will implement this recommendation as follows: Lectures in Period III and teaching events with more than 40 persons will be organised as virtual events. Teaching events of less than 40 persons may be held on campus after considering the pedagogical aspects and the planning of the academic timetable. A record will be kept of all who participate in a contact teaching event, in order to be able to react swiftly to any cases of infection or exposure. Teachers can get in touch with their academic timetable planners to make physical distancing arrangements for contact teaching. Further information: https://www.aalto.fi/en/aalto-university/internal-instructions-related-to-coronavirus.

Considering the infection situation, we recommend flexibility regarding the organising of teaching, study attainments and schedules. The latest information on course arrangements can always be found on the MyCourses pages for the course in question. In the case of significant changes to the coronavirus situation, we will reassess teaching arrangements.

Self-study spaces are still open. Students can use them by reserving a workspace, taking account of health security. Service desks and libraries are also open. Staying in the university’s public spaces (such as lobbies, hallways and student guild spaces) is not recommended unless necessary to take care of essential business.

We continue to recommend that Aalto employees work remotely if their duties permit and hold meetings online whenever possible. Those working on campus should reserve a workspace through the Aalto Space app.

The restaurants on campus will independently publish information on any restrictions on the use of their spaces and other special arrangements. Up-to-date information on campus restaurants: https://www.aalto.fi/en/campus/campus-restaurants-and-cafes.

No public events or public meetings will be held in indoor spaces at Aalto University 7–31 January, in accordance with the decision of the regional administrative agency. Instructions for organising public examinations of doctoral theses are available online https://www.aalto.fi/en/study-at-aalto/being-a-doctoral-student-at-aalto. Outdoor campus events may be organised only for low-risk events with consideration given to health security. The events team of Lobby Services will be glad to give you further information and advice regarding events: aula-tapahtumat@aalto.fi.

Use of face masks and vaccination

Preventing the transmission of coronavirus in our community is the mutual responsibility of all members of the Aalto community. We require that face masks be used in all spaces and situations where other people are present, unless prevented for personal health reasons. If you forget to bring a mask, you may obtain one from the lobby services of the building. General hygiene requirements are in force: we will exercise good hand hygiene, maintain distances and not come to the campus if feeling ill.

COVID-19 vaccines effectively prevent severe forms of the disease and curb the spread of the virus. We hope that as many members of the Aalto community as possible will get the full series of vaccines. Further information on vaccination is available for example on the websites of Helsinki and the Espoo. Staff also have the opportunity to receive coronavirus vaccination from occupational health: https://www.aalto.fi/en/news/coronavirus-vaccinations-available-also-at-terveystalo-as-a-part-of-the-occupational-health.

The latest information and guidelines on the effects of coronavirus on Aalto University activities are available on the website: https://www.aalto.fi/en/aalto-university/information-on-coronavirus. If you do not find answers to your questions in our published material, you can email your question to corona-information@aalto.fi.
Health and well-being

Check the vaccination information of the cities in the capital region on their websites:
- Helsinki (hel.fi)
- Espoo (espoo.fi)
- Vantaa (vantaa.fi)

Finnish Student Health Service (FSHS):
- Instructions on how to use our services during COIVD-19 pandemic

Health services in Finland:
- Health services (infofinland.fi)

Well-being and maintaining your study condition
- Starting Point of Wellbeing

University spaces and services

Student service points
- Starting Point service desk and other student service points

IT services, software and remote use
- IT Help (aalto.fi)
- IT services for students (aalto.fi)

Library services and material loans
- Reserving books and other library material (aalto.fi)
- Aalto ARTS: material loans

Spaces for self-study and group work
- Aalto Space - Instruction for space reservation for students (aalto.fi)

Printers available for student use
- Locations of printing devices (PrintingPoint) (aalto.fi)

Use of guild rooms
- See Internal instructions related to coronavirus (aalto.fi, requires log-in)

Campus and facilities

Campus restaurants
- Information on restaurants and cafés on the Aalto University campus (aalto.fi)

Exchange studies
- Aalto University's guidelines for exchanges in academic year 2021-2022

Tuition fees
- Coronavirus and tuition fees

Public examinations of doctoral theses
Student housing

There are many kinds of accommodation available for students, and students themselves have responsibilities that are defined in their tenancy agreements. You should carefully examine the terms and conditions for ending a tenancy agreement in case you need to give notice or withdraw from one. You should contact your landlord (lessor) without delay if problems arise concerning your payment of rent. In such cases, one can generally negotiate about the possibility of receiving an extension for the payment or other leniency. Being proactive is often the best alternative.

For more information, contact your own landlord (lessor), for example

- Foundation for Student Housing in the Helsinki Region (Hoas)  https://www.hoas.fi/