



The Bavarian State Government has issued and proclaimed the following decisions:

**Classes will start on Monday, March 15:**

Starting on March 15, classroom teaching will generally resume for all grades as well as all types of schools and school systems. However, full classroom teaching will depend on the seven-day incidence rate established for a particular region. The following applies to the individual types of schools and school systems:

- Elementary schools and grades 1-4 of special needs education centers:  
**If the seven-day incidence rate is**
  - **less than 50**, full classroom teaching will resume (i.e., without a minimum distance requirement).
  - **between 50 and 100**, hybrid teaching or classroom teaching subject to a minimum distance requirement will resume.
  - **above 100**, online teaching will continue.
  
- Secondary schools and special needs schools from grade 5 and up and vocational schools:  
**If the seven-day incidence rate is**
  - **under 100**, hybrid teaching or classroom teaching subject to a minimum distance requirement will resume.
  - **above 100**, online teaching will continue.

Important note: Even if the seven-day incidence rate exceeds 100, the **graduating classes of all school types and systems** will resume **hybrid teaching or classroom teaching, subject to a minimum distance requirement**, unless otherwise directed by the district administration authority.
  
- Schools for the sick will hold classes or provide emergency care in accordance with hospital sanitary regulations.
- Special needs pre-school facilities will open in unison with pre-school day care facilities and pre-school remedial day care facilities.



### **What is the meaning of "hybrid teaching" or "classroom teaching at a minimum distance"?**

- In facilities where the minimum distance of 1.5 meters between students can be guaranteed, classroom teaching will be possible for the whole class.
- Facilities where the minimum distance of 1.5 meters between students cannot be guaranteed will generally offer hybrid teaching, i.e., separation of the class into alternating classroom and online teaching groups.

### **Important instructions on infection control in the school building**

- Teachers have a duty to wear medical-grade mouth-nose protection.
- Students may continue to wear everyday or community masks in the school building. However, medical grade mouth-nose protection (a "surgical mask") is recommended.
- Voluntary and free coronavirus testing: Serial testing is offered for students of all grades. In addition, self-tests will be rolled out over the next days and weeks. For more information and a link to a how-to video, please go to [www.km.bayern.de/selbsttests](http://www.km.bayern.de/selbsttests) or contact your school.

### **Emergency care starting on Monday, March 15**

The schools will continue to offer emergency care, provided there are enough rooms and enough staff. For more information, please contact your school.

### **Temporary leave of absence options for students**

Students and/or their legal guardians who, despite their school's comprehensive hygiene concept, feel that school attendance presents too much of a risk, may continue to apply for leave of absence. This arrangement will remain in force until the Easter break.



## Dealing with symptoms of illness and colds in children and adolescents in schools

- Information for parents and legal guardians –  
as of: 12<sup>th</sup> March 2021

*Changes compared to the version of 10<sup>th</sup> December 2020 are highlighted in yellow.*

### 1. When does my child definitely have to stay at home?

Sick pupils with acute symptoms of illness such as

- fever
- coughing
- shortness of breath, breathlessness
- loss of taste and smell
- sore throat or earache
- (febrile) rhinitis
- limb pain
- severe stomach pain
- vomiting or diarrhoea

are not allowed to attend school.

**NEW:** Attendance at school is only possible again if one of the following cases applies:

- The pupil is in good general health again (except for a slight cold or occasional coughing) or
- The pupil has
  - rhinitis or cough due to an allergy (e.g. hay fever),
  - nasal congestion (without a fever) or
  - occasional or slight coughing or a scratchy throat.

**NEW:** In any case, a negative test result based on a POC antigen rapid test\* or a PCR test must be presented before school attendance. An antigen self-test is not sufficient in this case!

### 2. Can my child go to school with mild, new and not progressive symptoms of a cold (rhinitis without a fever, occasional coughing)?

**NEW:** School attendance without a test is possible in the following cases:

- rhinitis or cough due to an allergy (e.g. hay fever)
- nasal congestion (without a fever)
- occasional or slight coughing or a scratchy throat

**NEW:** In all other cases, school attendance is only permitted if a negative test result based on a POC antigen rapid test\* or a PCR test is presented. An antigen self-test is not sufficient in this case!

Pupils who attend school contrary to these guidelines will be isolated in school and - if possible - picked up by their parents or sent home.

\*) Such a test can be carried out e.g. in local test centres, at doctor's offices or other suitable places.