

Hygiene concept pertaining to facilities and services in child and youth work, youth social work, as well as cultural education in Rhineland-Palatinate.

1. Basic rules

Present programs of child and youth work and youth social work including summer camps and youth camps with and without overnight stays as well as cultural education programs of youth art schools, museums, theaters and comparable institutions are permitted, provided that the requirements of the "Hygiene concept for facilities and offers of youth work, youth social work as well as cultural education" are complied with (see § 14 para. 5 of the 23rd CoBeLVO). This also applies to the training of volunteers.

The distance requirement (Section 1 (2) of the 23rd CoBeLVO) and the mask requirement (Section 1 (3) of the 23rd CoBeLVO) in indoor areas apply as a rule, stipulating that a medical face mask (surgical mask) or a mask of the KN95/N95 or FFP2 standards or a comparable standard is worn.

The minimum distance requirement doesn't apply to members of one household.

A total number of 25 participants, including care staff, are permitted to attend current indoor activities, and up to 50 participants (maximum size), including care staff, are permitted to attend activities offered outside of a fixed location.

If the incidence rate consistently remains below 50 for over five days, the maximum group size on the second day following this period increases to as many as 50 participants, including care staff, indoors, and up to 75 participants, including care staff, outside of fixed locations.

As of July 2, the maximum number of people indoors is 75, including caregivers, and the maximum number of people outside of enclosed spaces is 100.

Vaccinated and recovered individuals are not taken into account. If joint activities with several groups (e.g. summer camps on the outskirts of the city) **exceed the maximum permissible size**, a feasible concept can be developed to form separate groups in terms of space and organization, with no contact between the groups.

2. Children's and youth work, youth social work and cultural education activities not requiring overnight stays.

a. Activities in fixed groups.

Group sessions and other activities for children and youth work, youth social work and cultural education work in fixed groups are permitted subject to the maximum size restrictions. It is also mandatory to maintain a minimum distance of 1.5 m and to wear a medical mouth/nose covering (FFP2 or surgical mask) indoors.

b. Activities in non-fixed group settings

The minimum distance of 1.5 m and a medical mouth/nose covering (FFP2 or surgical mask) are required when offering activities in youth centers, open houses, youth art schools, museums, theaters and other venues with a varying group composition. In addition to the maximum size requirement, the number of participants is limited to one person per ten square meters indoors.

3. Summer camps/youth camps with and without overnight stays.

Children's and youth camps with overnight stays are crucial to public children's and youth work as well as to cultural education. Their forms and settings facilitate socializing while away from the family. Also, they are especially important for developing social skills and so-called "soft skills", as, in addition to rest and leisure time, they also offer ways to participate in and actively shape events, as well as promote democratic behavior along with inclusion and diversity. Overnight camps for children and youth can help overcome the negative impact of the pandemic.

Overnight groups and youth camps are permitted again since June 18, 2021.

The following rules are to be strictly adhered to when conducting such offers:

- a. **Rapid and self tests:** a negative corona test certificate is to be presented prior to the start of a multiple day camp or activity with or without overnight stay. A corona test is to be taken every two days by all participants and supervisors, or a certificate confirming a negative result is to be presented. Fully vaccinated and recovered participants are exempt from this requirement (cf. § 2 No. 2, 4 of the COVID-19-Protective Measures Exemption Ordinance of May 8, 2021 (BAnz AT 08.05.2021 V1), as amended). At overnight camps/activities lasting longer than five days, only one more test at the end of the activity is required after testing on the fifth day. General regulations apply in case of a positive test result. If a person shows typical symptoms of Covid 19 disease for which no explanation can be found, the testing is to be resumed. The test results are to be documented, kept for 14 days after the end of the

camp time and then destroyed as required per data protection regulations.

- b. During events/activities lasting several days, contact between children and youths from different groups in the same facility is to be prevented.
- c. The mask requirement and the distance requirement can be waived for activities that are conducted in fixed groups (cohort formation, cf. no. 1 above, final sentence) not exceeding 50 participants (as of July 2, 75 participants), including care personnel, subject to compliance with the hygiene concept. This also applies to multiple-day activities in fixed supervised groups as per the German Youth Support Act (VV-JuFöG) (2.1 to 2.7), such as youth camps, summer camps, weekend camps and the training of volunteers.
- d. Catering by the participants themselves is permitted subject to the applicable protective measures. If the participants are not self-catering, the catering is to be provided by (professional) service providers or by the conference facilities with an appropriate hygiene concept in place.
- e. If shared rooms or tents are used, the windows are to be constantly open for ventilation.
- f. Hygiene plans are to be coordinated with the lodging facility for all activities requiring overnight stays.

4. Organization and implementation.

- a. The provider is to record the contact data of every person entering the facility or participating in activities (last name, first name, address, telephone number), as well as the time of check-in and -out, unless stipulated otherwise by the relevant Corona Control Ordinance. The contact data must be kept for one month (starting with the day of attendance) and then destroyed in compliance with the Data Protection Regulation (DSGVO). The data may not be used for other purposes.
- b. At gatherings in facilities providing child and youth work as well as youth social work, where the participants are not intended to stay in a fixed area for the most part and where the offer is not intended for fixed groups (see no. 1.a.), the number of participants is to be limited to one per ten square meters. In educational activities, too, a minimum distance of 1.5 meters must still be maintained and, as a rule, a medical mouth/nose covering (FFP2 or surgical mask) must be worn.
- c. Activities that are best suited for the outside area, are preferably to be carried out outside. A minimum distance of 1.5 meters must also be maintained in this case.
- d. Sports and physical training activities are only permitted outdoors and on all public and

private unroofed sports facilities. The respective requirements of the CoBeLVO apply.

- e. Transportation of participants is permissible as part of a children or youth work activity, if the mask requirement is adhered to.

5. Individual hygiene measures.

- a. The mouth and nose covering (FFP2 or surgical mask) requirement as well as the distance requirement (minimum distance of 1.5 meters) remain in force indoors. Wear of the mouth-nose covering can be waived outdoors.
- b. Access or participation is to be denied to individuals showing visible symptoms of a respiratory infection (such as cough, cold symptoms, fever).
- c. It is mandatory to disinfect or wash your hands upon entering the facility or the event or upon start of an activity. Suitable washing facilities and disinfection dispensers are to be provided, especially next to the sanitary facilities.
- d. The applicable protective measures and rules of conduct (including general rules of infection control such as "sneezing etiquette" or how to classify cold symptoms, etc.) are to be indicated by adequate signs.
- e. Visitors and employees are required to wear a medical mouth and nose covering (FFP2 or surgical mask), unless the Corona Control Ordinance or the Hygiene Concept pertaining to Facilities and Services for Children and Youth Work and Youth Social Work in their currently valid versions provide otherwise.

6. Hygiene measures that apply to the facility.

- a. The use of sanitary facilities is permissible, subject to the required protective measures. In sanitary areas, liquid soap and disposable hand towels are to be provided in sufficient quantity. The maximum capacity of sanitary areas is determined by the capacity to maintain the minimum distance.
- b. The cleaning work required in common rooms is to be ensured. The cleaning staff (company) is responsible for cleaning as per the maintenance cleaning plan and the additional hygiene regulations.
- c. Tools and play materials are to be disinfected before and after use.
- d. Specific measures are to be taken to minimize the exposure of rooms to aerosols. All rooms are to be aired regularly and in such a way that the indoor air is exchanged. Shock ventilation or cross-ventilation through fully open windows for several minutes is to be carried out at least every 20 minutes, unless a sufficiently powerful ventilation system is in place. An existing ventilation system must be set to air supply (not air

recirculation). The use of carbon dioxide measuring devices is advisable, as this helps to monitor the air quality and thus supports the "ventilation discipline".

- e. Access control measures are to be implemented to include appropriately sign-posted route concepts. Single lane routes are to be set up wherever possible. Waiting areas (e.g., in front of facilities and restrooms) are to be signposted to ensure that the minimum distance is maintained. Entering and exiting flows are to be separated from each other where possible and marked with visual directions, e.g. on the floor or on the walls.

7. Generally applicable:

- a. The facility owner or service provider is to appoint an authorized person on site responsible for ensuring compliance with the regulations. This person is responsible for monitoring all hygiene measures.
- b. In counties and independent cities with a seven-day incidence exceeding the threshold of 165 on three consecutive days, youth work, youth social work or cultural education activities (in fixed as well as open groups) are only permitted as individual activities starting on the second day following this period. When conducting individual activities indoors, it is still mandatory to wear a mouth and nose covering (FFP2 mask or surgical mask) and to keep a distance of 1.5 meters.
- c. It is generally recommended that visitors and participants make regular use of the "testing for all" offer. If the incidence rate is above 50, a current negative test result must be submitted. If individuals are tested as part of classroom instruction at schools or in occupational settings, these test results can qualify for participation in youth work/youth social work/cultural education activities. Self-testing is also eligible for use. In each case, a qualified personal declaration by a parent/legal guardian is acceptable as in schools.
- d. The negative Corona test is not required for individual activities provided that the minimum distance is maintained and a medical mouth and nose covering (FFP 2 or surgical mask) is worn indoors.
- e. According to the SARS-CoV-2 Occupational Health and Safety Regulation of the German Federal Government, employers are required to extend a test offer (PCR test or professional/self-applied rapid antigen tests) at least twice a week to their employees who do not telework full-time. Employers are to bear the cost of the tests as defined in the Occupational Safety and Health Act.
- f. Reference is made to the SARS-CoV2 Occupational Health and Safety Standard of

the German Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS) for further information (<https://www.bmas.de/DE/Schwerpunkte/In-formationen-Corona/Arbeitsschutz/arbeitsschutz-massnahmen.html>).

- g. Access or stay is to be denied to anyone who is not willing to comply with these rules as part of the house rules.
- h. The hygiene concepts that come closest to the nature and design of the offer or facility apply. The hygiene concepts in their current version can be found at <https://corona.rlp.de/de/themen/hygienekonzepte/>.
- i. In other respects, the competent authority can permit exceptions or issue other hygiene requirements upon request in justified individual cases, provided that a requirement under the CoBeLVO is not mandatory, the level of protection appears comparable and the purpose of the CoBeLVO is met.