

Information sheet on starting school in autumn 2020¹

The coronavirus traffic light consists of four warning levels: “Green – Yellow – Orange – Red”². The coronavirus traffic light gives an instant indication of the measures that have been put in place and the rules that have to be followed to limit the spread of coronavirus as much as possible.

In all traffic light phases, (digital) communication between teachers and parents/guardians is especially important!

The generally applicable hygiene rules must be followed in all traffic light phases!

GREEN	YELLOW Provisions as for GREEN +	ORANGE Provisions as for YELLOW +	RED Provisions as for ORANGE +
Wearing a face covering is voluntary	Wearing a face covering is mandatory from entering the school building through to the allocated seat in the classroom	Wearing a face covering is mandatory from entering the school building through to the allocated seat in the classroom	School is converted to distance learning
Regular ventilation of the rooms	All pupils and teachers must wear a face covering outside the classroom	All pupils and teachers must wear a face covering outside the classroom	Face coverings are mandatory during any period of time spent inside the school
Activities outdoors where possible	If it not possible to maintain a distance of 1 metre during group activities, the teacher can require the wearing of face coverings	If it not possible to maintain a distance of 1 metre during group activities, the teacher can require the wearing of face coverings	Replacement provision at the school site through the education of small groups

¹ Secondary School, Academic Secondary School (Upper and Lower Cycles), Part-time Vocational School and Apprenticeship, and institutions for Special Needs Education

² Green: Low risk, only isolated cases; Yellow: Moderate risk; Orange: High risk, as the number of new infections is rising; Red: Very high risk, uncontrolled outbreaks

	Mandatory wearing of face coverings for people from outside the school (e.g. working on projects)	No school events, school sports competitions or excursions + No participation of people from outside the school (e.g. working on projects)	Setting up of learning stations for pupils with increased need for support or who don't have a computer/laptop
Exercise & sport (in lessons & in the breaks) is permitted, preferably outdoors	Sport mainly outdoors, in gyms only under special requirements and while maintaining a distance of 2 metres	Sport only outdoors and only when a distance of 2 metres can be maintained	Sport as part of distance learning; in school only when a distance of 2 metres can be maintained
Singing in music lessons (or choir) is permitted, maintain a distance of 1.5 metres where possible	Singing in music lessons (or choir) only outdoors; in confined spaces only with face coverings	Singing in confined spaces is not permitted	
Afternoon care will take place as normal	Afternoon care will take place – A face covering must be worn by everyone who does not belong to the class/group	No mixing of groups, no moving between rooms	Full-day care in an emergency; if present at school, small groups must be formed
	Lunch will be held in school at staggered times, depending on the space available		Personal contact between pupils and carers should be minimised where possible, e.g. computer-assisted support

You can find more information on the coronavirus traffic light system and the COVID-19 measures for schools on the website of the Austrian Ministry for Education, Science and Research: <https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Themen/schule/beratung/corona/coronaampel.html>