

Useful information concerning the on-site procedure

The summer school is held as a hybrid event such that participants can follow the lectures either on-site in Graz or online via Webex.

In order to keep the risk of infection minimal, a strict Covid-19 prevention concept will be followed for the on-site part of the summer school. **Please read this information carefully before the summer school.**

- In order to access to the summer school venue, a valid proof of low infectious risk must be shown every day, following the Austrian **3G concept** („Geimpft/Getestet/Genesen“, i.e. „Vaccinated/Tested/Recovered“):
 - **Vaccinated:** Valid starting the 22nd day after your first vaccination for maximum 3 months. After your second vaccination, the period of validity is extended to a total of 9 months after the first vaccination. (If you had a one-time vaccination such as Johnson&Johnson it is valid for 9 months after that vaccination.)
 - **Tested:** We recommend to use the **free public antigen testing facilities** of the city of Graz at **Messe Graz** (Messehalle A, Messeplatz 1, 8010 Graz; open Monday – Saturday 8am-6pm) which is accessible also to non-Austrian residents. You can make an appointment using this link <https://steiermark.oesterreich-testet.at/> or just go there and fill in a form there. If you are not an Austrian resident you should fill in the address of your residence/hotel in Graz for this week. You should bring a valid ID/passport and wear a mask of type FFP-2. The testing procedure is usually quite fast (5-10 minutes).

Within 30-60 minutes you will receive a link by text message or email where you can download your certificate in pdf format. Note that the result „not detected“ corresponds to a valid negative test result. This certificate is valid for 48 hours.
 - **Recovered:** A proof of having recovered from a Covid-19 infection is valid for a total of 6 months after recovery.

If you do not have a valid vaccination we recommend to use the public testing infrastructure at Messe Graz on Monday before the start of the workshop (keep in mind that it may take up to one hour until you can access your result) and on **Wednesday noon/afternoon after the lectures**. A negative test is valid for 48 hours, so testing twice will be sufficient for the whole summer school.

Note that a valid proof of one of these three properties is necessary for most activities in Austria, in particular also for entering restaurants.

- **Masks:** At the workshop, you need to wear masks of **type FFP-2** inside the university building (but not when seated in the lecture hall). If you do not have such masks, we can provide you with one at the workshop.

Since July 1, in many places such as public transport or supermarkets „regular“ masks

covering mouth and nose are accepted again.

- **Procedure at the workshop:**
 - We will check your valid proof of low infectious risk every day before entering the lecture hall. Of course, showing your proof on your mobile device is sufficient.
 - A **minimum distance of 1 meter** between participants should be kept.
 - Please only use the marked seats in the lecture hall. We will provide hand sanitiser and rags to clean and disinfect your table.
 - The minimum distance of 1 meter should also be kept during breaks. Therefore **coffee breaks** are moved to the **virtual space** using the platform wonder.me which allows to move around in a virtual room and have conversations in small groups. We ask all participants to bring a **laptop** and **headphones**. In order to reduce noise there will be two more seminar rooms that can be used.
 - Since we are not allowed to serve coffee or snacks, you may want to bring your own.
 - Also the **poster session** will be held fully **virtually** via break-out rooms in Webex. Participants do not need to bring a printed poster.
- **Excursion:** We will have a guided city tour on Wednesday afternoon between 4:00pm and 5:30pm, followed by a conference dinner in the restaurant „Gösser Bräu“ starting 6:30pm. The city tour will be mostly outside and also the dinner will be outside if weather permits.

Keeping these rules in mind, we hope for a smooth and safe procedure of the workshop and are looking forward to meeting you in person in Graz.

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