

## Security Measures at the Erwin Schrödinger Institute to prevent the spread of the coronavirus (COVID-19)

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Dear ESI Visitor,

At the ESI, the health and safety of all guests and staff is our key priority. In the following, please find the measures that have been put in place to ensure a safe environment for ESI activities under the extraordinary circumstances of the current COVID-19 pandemic.

**In case of confirmed Covid-19 infections among the participants of an ESI event the event may have to be moved to online mode.** We will have to follow the instructions of the Austrian Health Authorities.

<https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information/sick-during-holiday>

[https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Ministerium/Informationspflicht/corona/corona\\_links.html](https://www.bmbwf.gv.at/Ministerium/Informationspflicht/corona/corona_links.html)

### 1. Safety regulations

- **Wearing a mask is mandatory!**

In all areas of the Institute, like entrance, hallways, kitchen, restrooms, lecture halls, offices it's obligatory to wear a **FFP2 (KN95, N 95) mask**. You may only take off the mask when you are consuming drinks or food, if you give a talk or if you are in your office with only our officemates.

- **Wash your hands frequently!**

Regularly and thoroughly wash your hands with soap and/or clean them with a disinfectant. Soap and disinfectant can be found in all restrooms. Further disinfectant can be found at the entrance of the Institute, at the entrance of the lecture halls, in the common room and in the administration office.

- **Register at the ESI administration!**

Before attending a meeting make sure to register at the ESI administration. This holds also for local participants.

- **Covid testing:**

We highly recommend to get free PCR self-tests from "Alles gurgelt" from time to time. Further information and registration can be found at [www.allesgurgelt.at/wien](http://www.allesgurgelt.at/wien). If you need a valid certificate you will have to film yourself during testing. The test kits can be picked up at all "BIPA" stores with the registration code. The test is then made at home and you drop the test into the boxes at the entrance at any BIPA, BILLA or PENNY store. You will get the result within 24 hours. Follow the instructions on the website.

Tests at pharmacies are not free of charge (except you are having an Austrian social security number). For example the closest pharmacy to ESI is St. Anna Apotheke, Währinger Straße 56. You have to register and make an appointment best at +43 (1) 317 74 28 in advance.

If you prefer (e.g. for travel) a PCR test from a laboratory you will find several offering this test. Close to the ESI the <https://1090.ihrlabor.at/en/> offers PCR tests at Euro 45,-. No appointment needed, just go there from Mo – Sa 8.00 – 11.00 (not open on all Saturdays). No fee if you have a valid Austrian e-card.

Antigen testing is available free of charge for all visitors at the test centres (Teststraße). For further information, more details and registration see:

<https://coronavirus.wien.gv.at/faq-english/#Testangebote>

- **If you notice that you have any symptoms of COVID-19, do not leave your home/accommodation and contact health care professionals or emergency services by phone immediately and follow the instructions! Health advice hotline: +43 1450**  
Also inform the ESI by phone +43 1 4277-28301 or e-mail to [secr@esi.ac.at](mailto:secr@esi.ac.at)

## 2. Travel information

**People who enter Austria following the official regulations valid at the moment of travel are also welcome as ESI guests.** Please note that from some countries travel to Austria might not be possible at all and from others only under certain circumstances. Up-to-date information can be found here:

<https://www.austria.info/en/service-and-facts/coronavirus-information>

Information on the Austrian Embassy of your country can be found here:

<https://www.bmeia.gv.at/en/embassies-consulates/search-for-austrian-representations/>

- **It is in the responsibility of the ESI guests to organise their trip and make sure they follow the required rules for travel to Austria.**
- **The ESI will not cover the costs of possible COVID-19 tests or of a quarantine.**

## 3. Additional safety measures

- **Disinfect any tool in the lecture hall you will use to give your presentation, like computer board, mouse, head-set, microphone, remote control** before and after use for your own safety.
- **The coffee breaks will be kept simpler than usual and, portioned and individually packaged items will be offered.** Hands must be disinfected before approaching the buffet. Please dispose all used items directly in the bins or on the desk named “used dishes” and do not place them somewhere else.
- **Space capacity in the lecture halls is limited to guarantee a minimum of distancing.** Thus, the number of people allowed in each lecture hall is reduced.
- **Disinfect your office desk, armrests of your chair, laptop, computer once a day.** Surface disinfectant and paper towels can be found in each office.
- **The lecture hall will be ventilated during each break.**
- **Ventilate your visitor office after each hour of use.**

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- **In Vienna FFP 2 masks are only mandatory** on public transport (including train stations and airports), hospitals, health care institutions and pharmacies.

*We count on your personal responsibility and your contribution to the safety of all of us!*

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Christoph Dellago".

Christoph Dellago  
ESI director