COVID-19 update February 21st 2022

Dear PhD students,

Update: As per 17.02.22, the Federal Council and the Canton of Bern have decided that almost all protective measures are lifted with immediate effect. For the university, this means in particular that the obligation to wear masks indoors and at the workplace, the obligation to obtain a certificate and the obligation to obtain a permit for events will no longer apply. In addition, the home office recommendation will be lifted. The home office regulations of the canton and university (in german) apply accordingly.

Despite the lifting of the protective measures, the coronavirus is still with us. The crisis management team and the University Executive Board therefore appeal to the personal responsibility of all employees and students to show consideration for one another and continue to adhere to the hygiene rules which have been established. [https://www.unibe.ch/coronavirus/index_eng.html](https://www.unibe.ch/coronavirus/index_eng.html)

For the GHS, this means that thesis defenses, as well as 1st and 2nd year exams from now on will either take place hybrid or in presence. Please inform yourself on the guidelines of the respective rooms when organizing your exam/defense, as the regulations may differ at your institution.

We thank you for your flexibility and understanding during the last two years and wish you a great spring and summer 2022.

Warm regards,

Your GHS Team