Coronavirus update 2022

Notification as of April 29, 2022

On April 28, 2022, the Italian Ministry of Health updated Law Decree no. 24 of March 24, 2022, with a set of transitional provisions leading toward the end of the national state of emergency.

As of May 1, 2022, all University of Padua structures:

- will be accessible without the need to exhibit a CoVid-19 Green Certification (Green Pass)
- will no longer implement the security measures provided for in the University Protocols for the Control and Containment of SARS-CoV-2
- will continue to adhere to the "Educational Procedures for in-person teaching activities for the 2021/2022 Academic Year"
- will continue to impose the vaccination obligation for the University staff and faculty until June 15, 2022
- will continue to prohibit access to those who have tested positive for COVID-19, or those experiencing respiratory or feverish symptoms
- will continue to strongly recommend mask-wearing in the workplace (offices, laboratories, common areas, museums, etc.) and in areas that are open to the public
- will continue to impose mask-wear obligations for those working, visiting, or frequenting health care facilities (including social health and welfare facilities)
- will continue to impose the FFPS mask-wearing obligation for indoor performances, demonstrations, and events open to the public (including graduation ceremonies)
- strongly recommends mask-wearing in rooms where educational activities take place, in library reading rooms, and in study rooms

For more information, please see the Director General's Circular (no. 11/2022) of April 29, 2022

Notification as of March 25, 2022 (integrated with March 31, 2022)

Law Decree no. 24 of March 24, 2022, outlines the transitional provisions as of April 1, 2022, leading towards the end of the Italian COVID-19 state of emergency.

A summery with regard to Italian universities:

Until April 30, 2022, it is obligated to possess a basic green pass for those wishing to enter a university facility (including students). It is obligated to possess a Super Green Pass (first and the second dose plus a booster shot) to participate in events, conferences, and congresses. Mask-wearing obligations remain imposed inside university buildings (FFP2 type for shows and events) and social distancing remains recommended.

From May 1 to June 15, 2022, university structures will be accessible without the need to exhibit a CoVid-19 Green Certification (Green Pass).

Vaccination requirements for university staff and faculty remain in effect until June 15, 2022. For university staff and faculty working in the regional health care service sector, vaccination requirements remain in effect until December 31, 2022.

Will continue to adhere to the "Educational Procedures for in-person teaching activities for the 2021/2022 Academic Year".

The preventative quarantine measures of persons who have had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case or those who are asymptomatic (including those not vaccinated) are no longer in effect.

<u>The Italian Ministry of Health Circular includes specified self-monitoring regulations.</u> <u>Circular no. 8/2022 - End of the health emergency. Transitional provisions</u> <u>Green Pass and PPE mask-wearing regulations</u>

Notification as of February 8, 2022

As of December 31, 2021, the preventative quarantine measures of persons who have had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case does not apply to asymptomatic persons who have completed the basic vaccine dosage within the last 4 months (120 days) or those who have recovered from COVID, or for those vaccinated with the third booster dose. (see: new para 7-bis, art. 1, d.I. 33/2020, introduced by art. 2, d.I. 229/2021). Such persons are required to wear an FFP2 mask at all times in public for 10 days following the last contact with a positive case.

As of February 4, 2022, the preventative quarantine measures of persons who have had close contact with a confirmed COVID-19 case is 5 days starting from the last day of contact for those who are have not been vaccinated, those who are partially vaccinated, and those who recovered from COVID more than 4 months ago (120 days). The 5-day preventative quarantine measures end with a negative result of a molecular or an antigen swab test. Such persons are required to wear an FFP2 mask at all times in public for 5 days following the last contact with a positive case.

Protocol. 9498 of the <u>Italian Ministry of Health Circular</u> dated February 4, 2022: Summary details regarding quarantine measures for close high-risk contacts.

All regulations and rules for healthcare professionals remain enforced.

Notification as of January 8, 2022 (with updates as of January 29, 2022)

The <u>7 January 2022 Italian Law Degree</u> establishes the extension of the vaccination obligation to university staff, regardless of age and those subject to certified health conditions. More specifically, the degree establishes that "from 1 February 2022, the vaccination obligation for the prevention of SARS-CoV-2 infection ... applies to the staff of universities, institutions of high artistic, musical and dance educational training, and institutes of higher technical studies." A circular sent by the Italian Ministry of University and Research on January 25, 2022, clarifies that the vaccination obligation applies to all employees of the University. The range includes the teaching staff to technical-administrative staff, those holding permanent or temporary contracts, and those working full time, part-time, and mixed schedules. Furthermore, the circular notes that all Italian citizens older than or equal to fifty years old is subject to the vaccination obligation.

The vaccination obligation is defined as:

- completion of the primary vaccination cycle (first and second dose), of which a basic Green Pass is then issued
- receiving a booster shot (third dose), administered to reinforce the validity of a basic Green Pass from the primary cycle, of which a "Super Green Pass" is then issued

All those who wish to enter a University of Padua facility, including **students, are obligate to possess and demonstrate a valid Green Pass.** University employees under fifty years old must

have, at least, a basic Green Pass (first and second dose). University employees fifty years old or older must possess a Super Green Pass (first and second dose plus a booster shot).