

# INFECTION PROTECTION CONCEPT

## EVENT

9th Heidelberg Laureate Forum  
September 17–23, 2022 in Heidelberg

## ORGANIZER

Heidelberg Laureate Forum Foundation  
Schloss-Wolfsbrunnenweg 33  
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## RESPONSIBLE PARTY

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

The Heidelberg Laureate Forum is an event as defined by the Corona Ordinance [CoronaVO] (a temporary, localized and planned event with a defined objective or intention under the responsibility of an organizer, a person, organization or institution in which a group of people specifically participates).

The essential goals of the protective measures are to reduce contact, comply with the minimum distance of 1.5 meters and remain below the maximum number of persons approved for the respective venue(s), control entry, avoid waiting lines and ensure sufficient ventilation in closed spaces.

## EVENT DESCRIPTION

The Heidelberg Laureate Forum Foundation will host the Heidelberg Laureate Forum as an in-person and digital event from September 17-23, 2022. Mathematics and computer science experts will meet up in various formats for interdisciplinary exchange. Around 500 participants a day will be expected at the event. Those onsite will include the participants, event organizers and supervisors as well as event technicians.

## EVENT VENUE

The scientific program of the event will mainly take place on the premises of the Neue Universität (New University) building and the Historisches Seminar (History Department) of Heidelberg University.

The lecture rooms will be set up for lectures, workshops and poster sessions, while the Neue Aula (New Auditorium) will be for presentations and discussions. Rooms will also be used as organization offices, for event management (control room) and for catering.

On the last day (Sept. 23), the scientific program will take place in Rot03 at SAP in St. Leon-Rot.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

Central measures to stop the spread of the coronavirus will still include **maintaining a distance of 1.5 meters**, generally applying to all rooms, areas and passageways/corridors, **adequate ventilation** in the buildings as well as **general hygiene rules** (disinfection, washing hands, etc.).

As required by Heidelberg University, all participants will **have to wear a medical mask indoors** if a minimum distance of 1.5 meters from other persons cannot be reliably maintained. The mask can be removed at the workstation/seat, provided the distance from other people can be safely maintained.

Speakers do not have to wear a mask on stage, provided a sufficient safety distance from the audience is guaranteed.

There is no longer a legal obligation to test or submit proof of vaccination or recovery status. Nevertheless, the organizer requires participants, guests, service providers, and employees to submit proof of a current test result.

The event management will ensure that the applicable protective measures are observed for the duration of the event.

## IMPLEMENTATION

### DISTANCE

The New Auditorium is equipped with 470 chairs in rows. It will not be possible to maintain distance here when seated. As such, masks will be required here.

The setup/dismantling and especially the arrangement of the workstations (control desk, production office, etc.) will be carried out as far as possible in compliance with the applicable distancing rules.

### DISINFECTION

Stations with disinfectant dispensers in compliance with the recommendations of the Robert Koch Institute (RKI) will be set up in every lecture room, in the sanitary areas and at least at two points on each floor.

Cleaning staff and the supervisors of the individual rooms will ensure regular disinfection of door handles, restrooms and handrails.

Cleaning and disinfection of surfaces as well as the filling and checking of disinfection stations will be carried out throughout the day by the university cleaning staff.

Stage equipment such as remote presenters, laser pointers or the like will be cleaned with a surface disinfectant with short contact time before being handed to a new user.

Personal items, tools, PPE, radio equipment, etc. will be personalized and not passed on to third parties.

## VENTILATION

In rooms without automatic ventilation, the event supervisors in the individual lecture halls and rooms will be required to open the windows on a regular basis every 15 minutes for 5 minutes each time, ideally with additional cross ventilation.

## CHECK-IN/ACCREDITATION

All participants and employees of the HLF will register their names with the HLFF team beforehand. All workers involved in production in the New Auditorium will register the names of their employees with ottomisu beforehand.

Access will only be granted to those who can show a current negative test result. This minimizes the risk of transmission through undetected infection. Once the certificate has been checked, the participants will be given a color code on their name badge for identification purposes. Each day has a different color.

## TESTING

In-house testing stations will be set up in building 2100 at Heidelberg University – room P18, at the hotel Europäischer Hof (room: Salon Speyer; address: Friedrich-Ebert-Anlage 1, 69117 Heidelberg) as well as at the Kulturbrauerei (room: Scheffelstube; address: Leyergasse 6, 69117 Heidelberg). This service will be provided by Safemeditec GmbH.

## CONTACT TRACING

The attendance documentation for contact tracing is no longer required.

## INFORMATION

The organizer will inform all participants in writing in advance specifically about all (relevant) protective measures to be complied with by all those involved during the implementation phase of the event.

## CONDUCT IN CASE OF POSITIVE TEST

In case of a positive test result during the event, the affected person is required to self-isolate immediately. The infected person will also be required to contact those responsible for the event by sending an email to [hlf22@heidelberg-laureate-forum.org](mailto:hlf22@heidelberg-laureate-forum.org). A rapid PCR test will then be arranged as quickly as possible at the Europäischer Hof or the New University building. The following information should be reported directly if possible:

- Hotel
- Participation status (Speaker, Young Researcher, Guest, Laureates, Press)
- Cell phone number
- For Europäischer Hof guests: Room number (test can be carried out in the guest's hotel room)

Since the start of November 2021, it has generally been the responsibility of the infected person to notify potential close contacts. Furthermore, as of May 2, 2022, it is only a recommendation that close contacts minimize personal contact for a certain period of time where possible; they are no longer legally required to isolate.

Information regarding further measures is provided by the Bundeszentrale für gesundheitliche Aufklärung [Federal Center for Health Education]: [here](#).

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Other current regulations at Heidelberg University:

<https://www.uni-heidelberg.de/de/newsroom/informationen-zum-coronavirus>