

Start of user operation at the HZB

Dear Colleagues,

In coordination with the management, it was decided that the HZB will reopen for user operation from October 2020.

This applies to the range of beam time at BESSY II and all other facilities/CoreLabs that offer experiment time for external users.

As an international science hub, we take our responsibility in times of the corona pandemic very seriously and hope that we can offer beamtime continuously throughout the next months.

In its rules, the HZB is based on the applicable statutory provisions. Due to the development of the situation, the regulations may change in the meantime.

The following rules apply to all external users at the HZB:

Only users who have a negative Corona test can have access to the HZB.

The test must not be older than 5 days when starting work at the HZB and must be based on a molecular biological test for the presence of an infection with the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2, which is carried out in a member state of the European Union or another by the Robert Koch- Institute published state has been carried out.

If you cannot obtain a corona test from your home institution, you can be tested at BESSY II on site. The procedure is as follows:

- please arrive here Monday morning or on Sunday if you have a lengthy journey; our guest house will be open (subject to availability)
- the Corona screening centre at BESSY II will be open for you on Monday from 8 am till noon (unfortunately testing is not free of charge, it costs 59 Euros per test, only cash)
- please do not enter the HZB buildings, but follow the sign to the testing area
- please wait for your test result, which is expected to be available on Tuesday
- when negative, you can start your beamtime immediately on Tuesday

Important: if you come from a risk area according to the RKI, which are up-date regularly on this page

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html

you have to follow the rules of the federal government as well as of the state of Berlin:

<https://www.berlin.de/corona/en/measures/directive/>

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete_neu.html
(scroll down to English archive)

<https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/coronavirus-infos-reisende/faq-tests-entering-germany.html>

[https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/C/Coronavirus/Te
stpflichtVO_EN.pdf](https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/C/Coronavirus/Te
stpflichtVO_EN.pdf)

These regulations involve a test, when you enter Germany, usually directly at the airport or train station, followed by a registration at the public health office. The public health office might decide on a shorter quarantine on a case by case basis. Please note, that our regulations cannot supersede federal or state regulations.

Please expect more details 1-2 weeks before your beamtime including situational up-dates or new developments.

We ask you for your kind understanding and hope, that we will be able to maintain user operation with these precautionary measures.

Please always check with your respective beamline scientist, whether you have to be present in person at the beamline and make yourself familiar with our general safety regulations:

- Members of experimental teams should originate from the same institute/laboratory the best, the same country at least.
- Persons who work in the storage ring hall must check daily their body temperature at the BESSY gate before entering work and enter themselves in a contact list at the BESSY gate.
- A maximum of 3 persons (1 BL Scientist + 2 users) are allowed at the beamline or at the experimental set up at any time.
- Wearing mouth and nose protection is mandatory in the experimental hall and HZB.
- Guarantee a distance of 2 meters to other people at all times.
- If it is inevitable to work at shorter distance for a short time, use FFP2 masks, face shields and gloves.
- If there is no appropriate protection -> postpone the work.
- Disinfect tables, keyboards etc. regularly.

Operation and experiments at BESSY II strongly rely on your sense of responsibility.

We wish you a very successful beamtime and look forward to seeing you at BESSY II.

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