

Start of school

Taking into account the experience of other federal states, the following regulations of the state of Lower Saxony apply at the start of school:

1. During the first seven days of school, all students are required to be tested daily, and after this period thrice a week (Mon-Wed-Fri).

Pupils with full vaccination protection or convalescent status are exempt from compulsory testing.

2. During the first 4 weeks of school, masks are compulsory in all school buildings, also at the seats in all types of schools. Up to the age of 14, a cloth mask is sufficient; from the age of 14, medical masks (minimum standard surgical mask) are mandatory.

Students are exempt from the mask requirement if they can present a valid medical certificate (not older than 6 months).

Enrolment ceremonies

Based on the above rules, special requirements also apply to this year's enrolment ceremonies:

A. All parents and other participating guests may attend school enrolment events only with a vaccination, convalescent or valid negative test certificate. Children up to age 6 are exempt from the testing requirement. In general, the number of accompanying persons for the events will be limited by the respective schools, please take note of the appropriate information from the school.

If you need a test, please ensure that that you have an appointment well in advance at the test centers, pharmacies or your family doctor. PCR tests are valid for 48 hours and PoC antigen tests (not self-tests) are valid for 24 hours.

This proof will be checked upon entry.

B. Masks are mandatory indoors for all attendees over the age of 6. From the age of 14, a medical mask (minimum standard surgical mask) must be worn.

C. In addition, students to be enrolled in school must test themselves by taking a lay (commercially available) self-test the morning before enrolment.