

List of measures to prevent the spread of the Corona virus at Blekinge Institute of Technology

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The actions taken are based on the Swedish Public Health Agency's recommendations. They apply to Campus Gräsvik and Campus Karlshamn with small variations.

Everyone has their own responsibility to follow the Public Health Agency's recommendations.

The "coronagroup" has meetings on Tuesdays at 9-10 am. Questions are referred to:

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Information actions taken

1. Roll-ups are available in all entrances and in some strategic places. They have information in Swedish and English about keeping your distance, washing your hands and staying home at the slightest symptom.
2. Information signs in two languages with the message "Keep your distance" are available in all scheduled classrooms.
3. Movable information signs to mark distances are placed where there is a risk of queues.
4. On toilet doors there are instructions, in two languages, about general rules of behaviour, as well as how to wash your hands properly.
5. Information at <https://www.bth.se/eng/emergency/corona/> is continuously updated. Campus screens, the Student Portal, Canvas and the Student union's web page refer to this page.

Actions taken on the premises

1. Classrooms and group rooms are cleaned according to the Swedish Public Health Agency's recommendations. This is done before 8 am every day.
2. Desks in the library, reception, corridors and other areas are cleaned once a day.
3. Help for self-help is offered to students and staff. Nearly 200 stations with special surface cleaner and hand sanitizer are set up in scheduled classrooms and at selected locations on our campus in accordance with safety regulations. Due to safety regulations these stations must not be moved by others than by the Facilities and Services Office. Information in Swedish and English on how the cleaner should be used, is given at each station.
4. The Facilities and Services Office is responsible for refilling hand sanitizer in installed dispensers. An open bottle of hand sanitizer for private use per room is allowed, **no other storage is allowed**. Contact servicesupport@bth.se if you have questions.
5. The hand sanitizer will gradually be switched from alcohol based to hydrogen peroxide.

Changes in premises

6. The number of seats has been reduced in staff canteens H4, J4 and J2 on Campus Gräsvik. Signs indicating maximum attendees are placed on each door.
7. The number of seats in shared scheduled classrooms has been reduced. In some cases, classes have switched to bigger classrooms. In our "gradängsalar" there are signs indicating every other place. Teachers have been asked to remind students to keep their distance.
8. The number of seats will be reduced in other premises.
9. If departments want help regarding their own premises with reducing the number of seats or update the information on maximum allowed e.g. please contact servicesupport@bth.se

10. When you book a room, please be guided by the principle that in order to keep safe distance the room accommodates half the number of people specified in the booking system.
11. Every day one room will be open for students to follow digital teaching. See campus screens for more information.
12. Meetings with students and external guests are referred to meeting rooms in building A. Please book these rooms through centralschema@bth.se
13. Plexiglas is set up in the reception, the library's desk, IT helpdesk and the student union's sales desk on Campus Gräsvik.
14. The number of seats in "Länken" and Bistro J have been reduced.

Entrances, corridors and general computer rooms

The following applies to entrances, corridors and general computer rooms on Campus Gräsvik:

- Staff rooms in building J are open to staff only.
- The elevator in building J is open to staff only.
- Public computer rooms will be completely locked from 31 August. Students have access to computers through remote connection.

The library

1. All information about loans, databases, contact with librarians and special arrangements during the corona pandemic can be found at www.bth.se/eng/library/ (pink news area). There is also a FAQ on how students should proceed.
2. The number of seats has been sparse, and the tables have information signs.
3. Lending of computers stops for the time being.
4. The information desk is only staffed when needed. A simple system is used at the information desk to call staff. There is also an information desk online.
5. The BTH card can be used as a library card. Activation of the library account is created via the Student Portal.
6. For distance students, there is special information on the library's website.
7. It is still possible to book a librarian, the meeting takes place via Zoom.
8. Flyers about mobile printing options will be available, as the new printers allow this feature.
9. If students visiting the library show symptoms of illness, the staff will contact them with a request to go home and seek medical care.

The Student union, BSK

1. The student union's café is closed but free coffee is given to members at their office.
2. The student union has no physical meetings for its members – only digital.
3. The student union's pub is closed.

Other

1. Students in the risk group who wish to be exempted from campus teaching must be able to prove this. More information is available on the Student Portal: <https://studentportal.bth.se/en/page/risk-groupcovid-19>
2. For the time being, there are no campus-based computers available for new students. All computers in the computer rooms are digitally adapted. Read more about this at <https://studentportal.bth.se/en/page/home>

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3. Gloves and masks are offered in laboratory rooms, computer rooms, reception, IT helpdesk and libraries where close contact cannot be avoided. Contact servicesupport@bth.se for delivery.