

# Guidelines and precautions

in relation to COVID-19 and  
the reopening of physical  
teaching at Aarhus BSS



# Dear students,

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We look forward to welcoming both new and returning students to campus in Aarhus and in Herning.

Based on the authorities' recommendations, Aarhus BSS and the rest of Aarhus University are opening up for physical teaching from the start of the 2020 autumn semester.

**We encourage you to read these guidelines carefully so you know what to do when you attend classes on campus.**

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# Stay informed

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Aarhus BSS is closely monitoring the development of the COVID-19 situation, and it is important that you also stay up-to-date on developments.



Remember to check **Blackboard** regularly. Here you will receive information on whether you should attend physical or online classes on your specific courses.

All critical information related to COVID-19 will be sent out via Blackboard.



Please check the FAQ for Aarhus BSS students regularly. Here you will find general information on how COVID-19 affects the teaching activities etc.



YOU CAN FIND THE FAQ AT:  
**[studerende.au.dk/bss](https://studerende.au.dk/bss)**

You are also encouraged to check the website of the Danish Health Authority regularly and to download the official contact tracing app **smitte | stop**.

# When you return to campus

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At all physical entrances and important contact points on campus, you will find the five general pieces of advice from the Danish Health Authority encouraging you to:



**Wash your hands often or use hand sanitiser**



**Cough or sneeze into your sleeve**



**Limit physical contact - avoid handshakes**



**Make sure to keep all surfaces clean - both at home and where you work/study**



**Be considerate and keep your distance**

Please **keep right** when you are using the corridors and stairs on campus. You will have access to **study spaces**. However, it is important that you adhere to the distancing requirements - also in your study groups. We have installed **disinfection dispensers** at all entrances as well as in restrooms and in the corridors. We encourage you to use these dispensers regularly. There are plenty of hand-washing facilities, but we also encourage you to bring your own hand sanitiser.

# How the teaching is organised

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With the reopening of the physical teaching, Aarhus BSS aims to offer students as much face-to-face teaching as possible. However, we are also focusing on reopening in a safe and responsible manner. For that reason, we are working to be able to stream as much of the teaching as possible in order to accommodate students in the high-risk group or in self-quarantine.

Before the start of the semester, all lecture theatres and classrooms were inspected and dimensioned so that they live up to the requirements

issued by the Ministry of Higher Education and Science in connection with the reopening of the institutions of higher education.

We are adhering to the authorities' physical distancing requirements, which, as a rule, are approximately one metre. However, in some cases the distancing requirements may be waived e.g. in case of fixed groups of students who have classes together throughout the semester or in case it is necessary for carrying out the teaching.

## **Please note the following:**

- » Your classes may be structured differently in accordance with the current guidelines and depending on whether you are taking part in elective courses or classes held in lecture theatres - or in teaching that takes place in a classroom.
- » Please pay attention to and follow the instructions specified in the classrooms and lecture theatres.
- » Changes to the form of instruction may occur during the semester if the guidelines issued by the authorities change.
- » Please do not turn up more than 10 minutes before class in order to avoid close physical contact at the entrances and exits.
- » If you have symptoms of COVID-19 or if you have tested positive, you must stay away from campus.
- » Remember that you can stay up-to-date on how your classes are organised via Blackboard and the FAQ for Aarhus BSS students.



# In case of COVID-19 on campus

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Aarhus BSS is following the guidelines from the Danish Health Authority. In case of an infection outbreak, the school will assess whether to send students home, close off premises, etc.

In isolated cases, the infected student and any close contacts will go through a contact tracing process. Here there will normally be no basis for sending home additional students or employees.

In the event of a COVID-19 outbreak where the spread of infection has not been delimited or is not likely to have been contained, large groups of students may be sent home and classrooms may be shut down temporarily.

## If you have tested positive for COVID-19

If you have tested positive for COVID-19, you are not allowed to turn up on campus, and you must follow the general advice from the Danish Health Authority regarding self-isolation, hygiene, cleaning and tracing your own close contacts.

We also encourage you to notify Aarhus BSS Studies Administration as soon as possible, so that we can initiate the internal contact tracing process at the university.



LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE BEEN INFECTED:

**Use this form**

# If you belong to a high-risk group

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If you are at increased risk of severe illness from COVID-19 or if you are worried about attending face-to-face classes, please contact the Student Counsellors' Office to hear about your options.



CONTACT:

[studievejledning.bss@au.dk](mailto:studievejledning.bss@au.dk)



READ MORE ABOUT HIGH-RISK INDIVIDUALS

[sst.dk/da/corona](https://sst.dk/da/corona)

## Services for students

Libraries, the Student Counsellors' Office, the Aarhus BSS IT support and other student services are manned. However, there may be limited opening hours or you may be required to book a time before turning up. This is for the safety of both you and the staff as some of the school's service entrances are not designed to accommodate that many students at a time while meeting the distancing requirements.

As a rule, the campus cafeterias will open during week 35-36. However, they will have restrictions on the number of customers allowed in the sales area.