

FAQ (last updated: November 26, 2021)

What is the current state of the pandemic in Germany/Heidelberg?

Germany is currently (November 2021) going through a “fourth wave” of infections. The main measure affecting the severity of restrictions is no longer the “7-Tage-Inzidenzwert” (number of new infections per week per 100 000 inhabitants), but the number of hospitalizations (also measured per 100 000). States like Bavaria and Saxony have reached the critical number of 9. Baden-Württemberg, the state where Heidelberg is located, is currently at 6,3. What it means for Heidelberg is that shops, restaurants, theaters, sports facilities, etc. are open, but are more and more restricted to fully vaccinated people. To stay informed on the situation, please consult the following websites:

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/478220a4c454480e823b17327b2bf1d4>

(Dashboard of the Robert-Koch-Institut, the equivalent of the CDC)

https://www.heidelberg.de/hd/coronavirus_die_lage_in_heidelberg.html

(Information about the situation and rules currently in place in Heidelberg)

What is the state of the vaccination campaign?

Germany’s vaccination rate is currently at 68.3%. With access more and more restricted to fully vaccinated people (“2G”, away from “3G” which included those merely tested), this number is expected to rise in the coming weeks.

<https://impfdashboard.de/>

(German government’s vaccination dashboard)

Do I have to be vaccinated before coming to Germany?

The answer is no, but AJY goes further and does only admit fully vaccinated students to the program. The University of Heidelberg has recently decided to allow only fully vaccinated students to attend classes in-person.

Can I get vaccinated in Germany as a AJY student?

Yes. As an AJY participant enrolled at Uni Heidelberg, you have full medical coverage. You are therefore eligible to receive booster shots in Germany.

Do travel restrictions prevent AJY students from coming to Germany?

No.

What are the quarantine rules upon arriving in Germany?

At this time, students register with the local health department prior to arrival and do not need to quarantine once they demonstrate that they are fully vaccinated. University dorms feature single rooms in shared apartments and are therefore cleared for quarantine if students test positive during the program. In such a case, AJY staff support students during this time (academic continuity online, delivery of food supplies, etc.).

Are classes virtual or in person?

Both AJY study center and University of Heidelberg classes are offered in person. Occasionally, large lecture courses are conducted virtually, but AJY students typically take small seminar-style classes.