

## COVID-19

### UFMG Guidelines and Protocols - 2023

UFMG has acted with commitment and responsibility to expand knowledge of COVID-19, to provide solutions to mitigate its impacts on society, and most importantly, to protect life as a fundamental value. Through a plan built collectively with the community, on September 12, 2022, the University resumed the occupation of its facilities, making the use of masks optional due to the improvement in sanitary conditions, the control of the pandemic, and the advancement of vaccination coverage, following the recommendations of the Permanent Committee to Combat the New Coronavirus (*Comitê Permanente de Enfrentamento do Novo Coronavírus*), with the agreement of the Monitoring Commission of the University Council (*Comissão de Acompanhamento do Conselho Universitário*). In light of the warnings issued by scientific and health entities about the significant increase in the number of cases of COVID-19 in Brazil, due to the circulation of the subvariant Ômicron BQ.1 and other variants, and the evaluation of the Permanent Committee to Combat the New Coronavirus at UFMG, with the endorsement of the Monitoring Committee of the University Council, UFMG calls on its community to remain vigilant and committed to preventive actions.

Although the current scenario is far from the severity of the cases registered in previous years, UFMG still reinforces the need to:

- complement the vaccination schedule with all booster doses;
- take non-pharmacological sanitary measures such as frequent hand hygiene with alcohol 70% or soap and water, preferring open-air, well-ventilated environments, isolating suspected and confirmed cases of COVID-19, monitoring close contacts, and testing for diagnosis whenever necessary;
- use masks for facial protection, especially for individuals with risk factors for complications from COVID-19 (immunosuppressed, elderly, pregnant women, and people with comorbidities), those with flu-like symptoms, those who have maintained close contact with a suspected or confirmed case of COVID-19, in closed, poorly ventilated or crowded places, in health services, and on public transport;
- immediately notify superiors or collegiate and advisors of suspected and confirmed cases;
- report suspected or confirmed cases to the MonitoraCovid system for registration and the Telecovid-19 at Hospital das Clínicas to obtain treatment guidelines (see the website) - <https://monitoracovid.ufmg.br/#/>

- make use of the rapid testing unit at the Faculty of Pharmacy in partnership with the City Hall of Belo Horizonte to facilitate the monitoring of suspected and confirmed cases.

UFMG remains attentive to the epidemiological situation and is prepared to act in case of a change in the current scenario, with care and respect for the life and dignity of all people, principles that have guided our conduct throughout the pandemic.

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