

COVID-19 in Denmark and at the Department of Geoscience

VERY IMPORTANT UPON ARRIVAL: In Denmark, it is mandatory to wear a facemask when using public transportation, in public buildings and in most stores, restaurants etc. Since the university is a public institution you must wear a facemask upon entering all university buildings and when walking around inside the buildings (coffee room, toilets, hallways, printer/mail-room, etc.). You may take the facemask off when seated.

- Whenever possible, you should work from home. If in doubt, talk to your manager.
- Always stay at home, if you have symptoms of COVID-19, have tested positive or are a close contact to someone who is infected with coronavirus. Also, stay at home if you have any doubts of you or your family being infected.
- If you become ill contact the Geoscience secretariat at sekretariat@geo.au.dk
- Keep a distance of at least 1 meter to another person at all times. If that is not possible, it is mandatory to wear a facemask or a face shield. In some situations (where there is an increased risk of spreading droplets), the minimum distance is at least 2 meters.
- Wash your hands and use hand sanitizers containing ethanol frequently. Hand sanitizers are located at the department entries as well as in hallways, at toilets, meeting-rooms, teaching facilities etc.
- Most rooms (labs, meeting rooms, kitchen, teaching rooms) have limitations: Only a limited number of people is allowed at any time. Please note the number on the door and check the number of people before entering.
- Everyone must clean all surfaces that come into contact with other people, the following are examples:
 - When having coffee, clean the machine buttons that you touched. We recommend using wipes.
 - If seated at a desk or table used by others, clean the tabletop after use as well as the chair (if applicable). We recommend using wipes.
 - Door handles, light switches, computers, microscopes, lab-equipment etc. that you touch and share with others must be cleaned after use. We recommend using wipes.
 - When working at a lab desk you must disinfect the surface using 70% ethanol and paper towel.
- Note that all used wipes, facemasks, gloves etc. used for protection and disinfection are to be considered hazardous materials: Make sure you discard these in a way that nobody else are exposed to them.
- Danish authorities recommend ventilating rooms after use.
- Danish authorities encourages everyone to limit their social circle (outside of work) to 10 close people/contacts.
- The university may change its procedures with short notice: Keep updated by checking your e-mail at least once a day.
- The university strongly encourages everyone to download the app <https://smittestop.dk/> for contact tracing. The app is available for Iphone and Android smartphones.
- The Department of Geoscience has a special COVID19 webpage; it is located at <https://geo.au.dk/covid19/> You will find links for other relevant websites as well as additional information.
- 70% ethanol, wipes, hand sanitizers, gloves etc. are distributed throughout the department to be used by everyone. Please note that these gloves are NOT chemical resistant, do not attempt to use them for other purposes. You can acquire facemasks and face shields for work related situations at the Geoscience secretary, feel free to bring your own.

Check out the following videos as soon as possible:

- *Clean your work site using 70% ethanol* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0CfsAGBy-7g&feature=youtu.be>
- *How to remove gloves without contaminating your hands* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4kN7zNDvI3A>

If you have any questions, please contact any of the people in the Geoscience safety groups, see members here <https://geo.medarbejdere.au.dk/en/committees/the-occupational-health-and-safety-committee/>



Self-isolate if you have symptoms, have tested positive or are a close contact of someone who is infected with novel coronavirus



Wash your hands often or use hand sanitiser



Cough or sneeze into your sleeve



Do not shake hands, hug or kiss as a greeting – limit physical contact



Clean thoroughly and frequently



Keep your distance and ask others to be considerate

How to use a face mask



1. Before use: Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser
2. Find out which side of the mask is the front. It is usually the coloured side
3. Cover your nose and mouth with the face mask and secure it behind your ears
4. Make sure the face mask sits tightly against your face
5. Do not touch the face mask during use. Change it often and always put on a new one if it gets wet or dirty
6. To remove the face mask, take hold of the elastic ear loops, and do not touch the face mask itself.
7. After use: Wash your hands or use hand sanitiser

You can reuse a face mask if you are only going to wear it briefly, for example if you need to get up and go to the toilet at a restaurant. Keep it in a plastic bag or inner pocket. Always use hand sanitiser before and after use.