

State of Brandenburg: current regulations for schools and daycares

Summary of the most important current information

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State of Brandenburg – Regulations for schools from 3. May 2021

1. At an incidence rate of up to 165 all students will participate in a combination of distance and in-person classes (Wechselmodell)
2. At an incidence rate over 165 – no classes at the school!!
  - As soon as the 7-day incidence rate is above 165 for three continuous days, lessons will no longer take place in the school. Instead, lessons will take place at home. Lessons will take place from home starting on the second day following the three-day high-incidence period.
  - Children in classes 1 to 6 are entitled to emergency supervision at school. Evidence of the requirements must be provided to the local youth welfare office (Jugendamt).
  - These restrictions apply until the 7-day incidence rate is below 165 for 5 consecutive days. The alternating lessons (Wechselmodell) start again on the following Monday. The students will then take part in in-person lessons in the school alternating with distance learning. The Ministry of Education can designate an earlier date.
3. Exceptions: No emergency measures at an incidence rate over 165...

Alternating lessons will continue in a combination of in-person and distance learning:

- The students of **special needs schools** with special educational focus on intellectual development.
- The students of **current and upcoming graduating classes**.
- **Year 9 and year 10** of comprehensive schools (Ober- und Gesamtschulen) as well as special needs schools with a special education focus on learning, emotional and social development, hearing, seeing and physical and motoric development;
- **Year 11 and year 12** (Gymnasium), respectively **year 12 and 13** (Gesamtschule, berufliches Gymnasium)
- **The last and also the prior year of training** (new final year) **of the respective vocational course**.

On **examination dates** (main dates) there are **no in-person lessons**.

The preparation of exams, the acceptance of exams, and school test procedures will continue as planned under the observation of hygiene regulations and the school hygiene concept.

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State of Brandenburg – Regulations for daycare (Kita) from 3 May 2021

1. At an incidence rate of up to 165

- All pre-school facilities are open. If possible, parents should look after their children at home.
- After school care facilities (Horte) are generally closed. There is an extended emergency care available. Students may go to after-school care on the days in which they have in-person lessons at school. These regulations also apply to daycare centers (Kindertagespflegestellen) depending on whether the children already attend school.
- There is **no testing requirement** for pre-school children. Voluntary testing is being prepared.
- The **entry bans** for daycare centers continue to apply with the exceptions mentioned.

2. At an incidence rate over 165

- As soon as the 7-day incidence rate is above **165 new infections** for three continuous days, **all daycares and childcare facilities will be closed from the day after next**. Emergency care will be offered.
- Children from families in which **only one guardian living in the household** works in a critical infrastructure area are also eligible for emergency care in daycare and primary schools.
- Additionally, emergency care for students **in schools and after-school care centers** is permitted. This is possible, for example, for children who cannot be reached by distance learning. Single parents of children of pre-school and school age are also entitled to emergency care if the children cannot be looked after otherwise.
- **(Re-) Opening of the facilities**  
If the incidence value is **below 165** on five consecutive working days (excluding Sundays and public holidays), daycare centers will reopen on the Monday following the “day after next”. The Ministry of Education can set an earlier date.

3. Restrictions in care capacities

Care in the facilities must be reduced or the facilities must close if:

- The daycare center has been closed by the responsible health department or
- The facility has no or too few staff available and
- The non-infectious children cared for in the facility cannot be accommodated in other facilities.

As long as the **children are not in quarantine themselves**, they are still entitled to emergency care. The responsible youth welfare office (Jugendamt) can be contacted in these cases. Parents, daycare providers and all those involved in daycare were informed in detail about these and other regulations by letter dated 23 April 2021.