

## **Hygiene Concept - 2022-**

The climate crisis is destroying global livelihoods permanently. The next decade will determine whether the worst consequences can still be averted. Already now millions of people in the Global South are suffering from the consequences, and Europe too is affected by summers of drought and heavy rainfall with catastrophic flooding. The time for urgent changes is becoming ever scarcer. Our protest for the stop of fossil energies cannot wait, because while all these extreme weather events are steadily increasing, natural gas continues to pour fuel on the fire of the climate crisis.

At the same time, the Covid-19 pandemic is costing lives worldwide and exacerbating injustices. We recognize that this means responsibility for our protest. We will minimize the risk of spreading Covid-19 during our gathering, even if that means limiting our gatherings and our protest to be limited or adjusted. injustices. We recognize that this means responsibility for our protest. We will minimize the risk of spreading Covid-19 during our gathering, even if that means limiting or adjusting our gatherings and our protest. We are taking responsibility in the context of this pandemic. However, we are also taking responsibility within the climate crisis as well.

### **→ Please read the handout carefully and discuss in your peer group:**

- How do we help minimize the risk of spreading Covid-19?
- How do we protect ourselves and vulnerable people around us from infection?
- How do we want to deal with possible infections in the aftermath of the campaign?

The Ende Gelände Action Consensus 2022 includes that we adhere to the hygiene concepts. We warmly invite all persons who subscribe to the consensus to participate in the action. Adherence to the hygiene concepts is also a prerequisite for the approval of assemblies and the camp. We therefore point out that failure to comply with the hygiene concepts can lead to exclusion.

## **1. Basic principles**

Unlike last year, the various tests are now available in sufficient quantities. We want to use this chance to prevent chains of infection from forming at the camp in the first place. This is extremely unfortunate for those who test positive, but we hope for solidarity with each other here as well.

Attentive interaction and thus adherence to the hygiene concept mean acting in solidarity and are in essence anti-ableist, because they can enable people with pre-existing conditions to participate and make it easier for everyone to have self-determination over their own health.

The core of the hygiene concept is therefore: mindful interaction with each other, distance and mask where distance is not possible or (e.g., in enclosed spaces) is not sufficient, and testing.

Due to the pandemic situation, it will not be possible to prevent people unknowingly being infected with Covid-19 from participating in the camp and the action. Therefore, keeping distance and especially wearing a mask is an inevitable protective measure to avoid spreading the virus.

In the first step, we urge you to take a rapid test before you leave for the camp and only arrive if you have tested negative.

In the second step, all participants of the camp should be tested again after 48 hours. The rapid tests needed for this are available in good storage at the camp. There will be a separate tent at the camp for the rapid tests. We hope that with this procedure we can avoid infections on the camp to a large extent - and thus also avoid endangering others.

## **2. Who unfortunately cannot participate this time? And who do we advise not to participate?**

In addition, we would like to ask people who have actively decided against vaccination not to participate in the camp and the action. We want people to be vaccinated at least 2 times.

**Symptoms or risk contacts before:** All people who feel sick, we urge not to arrive and not to participate to minimize the risk of infection for all! The same exclusion from participation applies to all persons who have had contact with (potentially) ill persons (= risk contact) within the last 14 days before arrival.

**Persons with pre-existing conditions and risks:** We recommend that persons with pre-existing conditions (e.g. respiratory, cardiovascular or cancer diseases) or for other reasons who are at increased risk of severe Covid-19 events and subsequent problems not participate; however, if they choose to participate in Action 2022, they are welcome to do so.

## **3. Stable, regional peer groups are very advantageous!**

**Stable groups:** Form peer groups with a maximum of 15 people already in the remaining preparation time.

They should be stable from the arrival up to and including the return trip and should not be changed!

**Regional groups:** Important - the peer groups should ideally be regional! Only this allows the separate return journey of peer groups in cars or similar, if Corona suspicions occur (see below).

## **4. Distance, mouth-nose-protection and hand cleaning**

**Distance:** Only within your peer group you do not have to keep a minimum distance. Everywhere else, the minimum distance of 1.5 meters applies. If this distance cannot be kept, we always wear a mouth-nose-protection.

**Masks:** Ende Gelände calls on all activists to bring enough medical masks or FFP2/N95 masks - (important: without exhalation valve, otherwise your other masks will not protect you!) For the camp you will need about one mask per day. For the action you will need several in order to be able to change it, if necessary (e.g. if the mask gets wet). For people who are not financially able to do so, for all particularly exposed or endangered persons, Ende Gelände provides FFP2/N95 masks. If you have the possibility write a political message on your masks, they will become part of your protest and may not be taken away from you without further ado.

**Enclosed spaces, plenaries:** As soon as we are in enclosed spaces (also tents and toilets), we pay attention to the minimum distance of 1.5 meters, wear additional mouth-nose protection and ensure very good ventilation. Our important exchange meetings (plenaries) will again be held exclusively with delegates from the peer groups.

**Dynamic situations:** In the action or demonstration the minimum distance can not always be maintained, also because of external actors. We try to avoid such situations or to keep them as short as possible.

**Hand cleansing and disinfection:** We wash and/or disinfect our hands regularly, following the instructions. Please bring disinfectant for your own use!

## **5. Camp hand signals and awareness**

In meetings, we make use of hand signals to quickly alert each other to infection control. In the camp, persons responsible for hygiene are available if participants notice a risk of infection.

**Kitchen:** We adhere to the hygiene concept of the kitchen.

**Closure:** A situation of great and emotionally important closeness is always the return from the action and the time until departure. Also this year we have to do something difficult: find a nice closure of the days together and at the same time pay special attention to the protection against infections. Please adhere to the plans of the camp, which we will announce - adapted to the current situation.

## **6. Self-isolation of the entire peer group if Covid-19 is suspected!**

What to do in case of symptoms? If a person develops symptoms that give rise to a Covid-19 suspicion, this person and their peer group must immediately keep their distance from all other people and have a PCR test performed. Further steps will be discussed upon receipt of the result. In order to continue to participate in the camp and action, a negative test result is required.

*Common symptoms of Covid-19 are (according to RKI): Cough, fever, cold, disturbance of the sense of smell and/or taste, pneumonia. Other symptoms: Sore throat, shortness of breath, headache, aching limbs, loss of appetite, weight loss, nausea, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, inflammation around the eyes, skin rash, swelling of lymph nodes, apathy/severe fatigue.*

**Self-isolation where?** There will be a quarantine area at the camp. There will be a tent, but you can/should also set up your own tents. There will be a sanitary area and a food distribution. Participants who live in private quarters will isolate themselves there. All further steps and measures will be discussed in consultation with the health department.

**How does a safe return trip go?** If possible, the return journey of peer groups with suspected corona is carried out in an extra car or similar. This does not apply if a negative rapid test is available before the return journey and persons are symptom-free.

## **7. Caution after the return**

**Two weeks:** Despite all caution, infections can occur. Therefore, we strongly recommend that all participants reduce their social contacts during the two weeks, especially with people at risk. We advise self-isolation and Corona screening tests in consultation with doctors and health authorities.

The Hygiene Group wishes you a good time. Take care of yourselves!