Timeline of Events at UZH

January
3 First confirmed Covid-19 case at UZH
15 UZH Information Technology Office makes MB Teams available for all UZH members

February
16 Masks obligatory
17 Skeleton staff at UZH: Staff work from home in principle
24 UZH members abroad are asked to return to Switzerland
30 A Covid-19 test center is opened at the Travel Clinic

March
All teaching moved from on-site to online
Libraries and museums closed to the public but still open to UZH students and researchers
Research continues at UZH
ASVZ closes
Limited cafeteria services in accordance with FOPH guidelines
Administrative work at UZH continues, with social distancing measures in place

April
6 UZH obtains Zoom license as additional tool for digital teaching
First virtual town hall meeting with the president ad interim held for UZH members
16 Fundraising campaign for UZH Pandemic Fund launched
Lifting of some measures by the Federal Council
Safety concepts drawn up for some offices in accordance with FOPH guidelines
Teaching remains digital only for the rest of the semester

May
8 Further easing of measures by the Federal Council
Adapted On-Site Operations at UZH
Return to on-site work and research with applicable safety concepts in place
Working from home as alternative option
Cafeterias: Reduced operations
Sports facilities reopen with reduced operations
Partial reopening of museums and libraries
Teaching still done remotely
19 «Extraordinary situation» status officially lifted by the Federal Council and Government Council

June
Gradual lifting of work-related travel restrictions; trips abroad on UZH business are once again permitted in principle with prior approval
6 New directive on adapted on-site operations at UZH
Minimum distance to be observed between individuals in teaching rooms and at workplaces is 1.5 meters
People travelling to Switzerland from high-risk areas must self-quarantine for 10 days
Easing of work-related travel restrictions
11 Cafeterias at UZH City Campus, Irchel Campus, Tierspital and Platte 14 reopen with reduced operations and take-away options
15 Basic planning for the Fall Semester 2020 communicated
24 Senate meeting held virtually for first time

July
Masks obligatory in all public, freely accessible indoor areas of UZH. People must wear face masks from the moment they enter a UZH building until they reach their destination
Minimum distance to be observed between individuals is 1.5 meters at all times
UZH introduces an information campaign for the new provisions at the start of the 2020 Fall Semester
Use of the SwissCovid app is recommended

August
Lecture-free period

September
14 Start of the Fall Semester
Events with external people are possible again if safety concepts are observed
Expanded obligation to wear masks: masks must also be worn at all study spaces in public areas

October
On-site events at UZH prohibited until further notice. Teaching moves online, with the exception of courses that require attendance in person (e.g. practical classes in a lab or clinic) and individual lessons (e.g. certain forms of exams)
General obligation to wear masks in all indoor and outdoor areas at UZH except in offices occupied by one person only and in which the minimum distance of 1.5 meters can be maintained when seated

November