Timeline of Events at UZH

January

First confirmed Covid-19 case in Switzerland

February

- First confirmed Covid-19 case at UZH
- Events outside of regular teaching curriculum cancelled until 12 March
- UZH Information Technology Office makes MS Teams available for all UZH members
- Skeleton staff at UZH: Staff work from home in principle
- All public events outside of the regular curriculum cancelled until 31 May
- UZH members abroad are asked to return to Switzerland
- 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
- UZH buildings closed; Special permit required for entry
- UZH completely shuts down all research operations requiring on-site resources and physical presence on UZH premises
- Extraordinary research projects require formal approval to continue

April

- 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
- Extraordinary situations status officially lifted by the Federal Council and Government Council
- Cafeterias at UZH City Campus, Irchel Campus, Tierspital and Platte 14 reopen with reduced operations and take-away options

May

- 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

June

- Gradual lifting of work-related travel restrictions; trips abroad on UZH business are once again permitted in principle with prior approval
- Basic planning for the Fall Semester 2020 communicated
- Senate meeting held virtually for first time
- 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

July

August

- 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

September

- Start of the Fall Semester
- Events with external people are possible again if safety concepts are observed