

## Newsletter on the Current Corona Virus Situation

Dear University of Bamberg community,

The novel coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2) and the infection it causes continue to spread and have now also arrived in Germany. In order to minimise cases and reduce the risk of spreading coronavirus at the University of Bamberg, you will find below a range of internal measures and information compiled by the University of Bamberg's crisis committee and university physician. Effective immediately, the following information and preventive actions are to be observed and implemented.

### **Returning / new Arrivals from Risk Areas:**

All persons either returning or newly arriving from high-risk areas as determined by the Robert Koch Foundation are requested to remain at home and not enter the University of Bamberg for 14 days following their departure from the risk area (protective measure). In such a case, affected members of staff are to contact their superiors and determine the extent to which working from home is feasible, or whether a temporary release from duties can be granted. Current information from the Robert Koch Foundation on high-risk areas is available [here](#).

### **Business Trips / Advanced Training:**

University members shall refrain from embarking on any official trips to places determined by the Robert Koch Foundation to be high-risk areas. Already booked trips are to be cancelled. If cancellation is not possible without added fees, the University of Bamberg will assume the cancellation costs. It is the personal responsibility of university members to evaluate the necessity of any other official travel and advanced training events. University members should treat the regulations above as analogous recommendations for personal travel to any risk areas.

### **Events / Conferences:**

In compliance with ministerial recommendations, all events with more than 1,000 participants are to be cancelled or postponed.

### **Courses / Examinations:**

Excepting individual cancellations, courses will take place according to their regular schedules. If a student is affected by the abovementioned protective measure and has to take an examination during this time, the student may withdraw from the examination by submitting pertinent documentation. The student may then take the examination at the next scheduled opportunity. Please contact the Office of Examinations with any questions concerning examinations ([pruefungsamt@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:pruefungsamt@uni-bamberg.de)).

## **Enrolment:**

Students enrolling at the university for the 2020 summer semester may decide whether they wish to do so in person at the Office of the Registrar, or if they would prefer to mail their enrolment materials. Please contact the Office of the Registrar for further information: <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/studierendenkanzlei/>

## **In Case of Infection**

If you receive confirmation that you have contracted coronavirus, please stay away from the university and immediately inform your superior by phone or email. All further measures (closing buildings, quarantine etc.) are ordered by the public health department based on the individual situation.

## **Contact with At-risk Individuals**

Staff and students who have had contact with an infected individual are to stay away from the University of Bamberg for 14 days. Staff are to contact their superiors and make appropriate home office arrangements. Staff who have had contact with an individual from a high-risk area who does not have discernible symptoms are not subject to preventive measures and are to report to work.

## **In order to prevent infection, the following hygienic measures must be observed:**

- Keep your distance and avoid close contact with clearly ill individuals.
- Make sure to wash your hands regularly and thoroughly using soap.
- Use provided disinfectants and hand sanitisers if available.
- Observe “coughing and sneezing etiquette” (sneezing into your elbow).
- Avoid contact with individuals suffering from respiratory illness.
- Avoid large crowds of people.
- Wash your hands thoroughly before preparing or consuming food.

The internal measures detailed above are to be observed pending further notice. The University of Bamberg reserves the right to make changes as necessary.

Further up-to-date information is available on our [website](#) and on the website of the [Robert Koch Institute](#). If you have specific questions not answered by this newsletter, you can send them to the following email address: [kontaktstelle-covid19@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:kontaktstelle-covid19@uni-bamberg.de).

Sincerely,

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