

18 January 2021

Dear colleagues,

The Bavarian state government has decided that as of today, the previously common mouth/nose protection will no longer be sufficient for certain areas of public life. Specifically, a protective mask of the next higher protection level - an FFP2 mask - is mandatory when using public transportation (vehicles and facilities) or visiting retail shops. Even though this mask requirement explicitly does **not** extend to the workplace, I have taken the following precautionary measures:

If, regardless of the university's continuing limited on-site operations, you have to work on university premises, you may obtain two FFP2 masks from the university. In cases where more are needed (e.g. postal delivery staff), additional masks can be ordered. Should you require such a mask, please contact your supervisor. Supervisors should place orders for an entire organisational unit by sending an email to [beschaffung@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:beschaffung@uni-bamberg.de).

According to information from the procurement section, masks will be available by the middle/end of this week, meaning that they will be distributed by procurement staff via internal post.

With this step, we are making yet another contribution to containing the virus and I would like to take this opportunity to thank you once again for your exemplary conduct in times like these.

Information from the University of Bamberg's safety engineer, Ms. Ziegmann, on handling and proper use of the FFP2 masks can be found attached.

On the topic of childcare, please also note the following:

A regulation is currently in the legislative process according to which children's illness benefits are to be increased from 10 to 20 days (from 20 to 40 days in the case of single parents) and are to be granted not only in the case of a child falling ill, but also in the case of closure of the childcare facility or suspension of in-person teaching. This regulation is intended for all employees with public health insurance. This gives affected employees the opportunity to request children's illness benefits for days when childcare concerns make working from home impossible.

Applications for children's illness benefits due to childcare can currently be submitted by email to [zeiterfassung.zuv@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:zeiterfassung.zuv@uni-bamberg.de). Applications should include the following information:

- Name and age of each child to be cared for
- Information on which childcare facility is closed, confirmation from the facility, if applicable
- Statement that it is neither possible to provide care elsewhere nor to work from home due to the necessary childcare.
- Notification of the specific days for which you are applying for children's illness benefits

We wish to point out that this procedure is subject to the final decision of the Federal Government. Further regulations and how individual public health insurance funds will handle this matter are not yet known to us, which means that any additional documents that may be required will have to be submitted at a later date.

With regard to privately insured employees, we have not yet received any information from the responsible Ministry. As soon as we receive relevant information, we will pass it on to you immediately.

As always, if you have specific questions not answered in this newsletter, you can send them to the university's coronavirus contact point at [kontaktstelle-covid19@uni-bamberg.de](mailto:kontaktstelle-covid19@uni-bamberg.de). All other pertinent information is also available at <https://www.uni-bamberg.de/en/health-management/coronavirus/>.

Please continue to take care of yourselves and remain healthy.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dagmar Steuer-Flieser