

## Information on further measures against the spread of coronavirus

The worldwide spread of the corona virus requires further protective measures, in particular in those scientific institutions which are part of international networks.

The following regulations were made and announced by internal bulletin (*Hausmitteilungen*) of 3 February 2020:

For reasons of employer welfare, business trips of employees to the particularly affected Hubei Province in China cannot be approved until further notice. Business trips to other provinces of the People's Republic of China can only be authorized as an exception and in individual cases which cannot be postponed. In this case and for already booked trips, which are not cancellable free of charge, please contact Mrs. Wiese at the travel expense center (*Abt. 4.1.1 -Reisekostenstelle*) of the university by phone or email (tel: 439 3899, email: [wiese@uni-wuppertal.de](mailto:wiese@uni-wuppertal.de)).

If you have any further questions, you will find more detailed information on the pages of the university's press office or you can contact the university's medical officer (Dec. 5.5) for health-related questions.

The arrangements made on 3 February 2020 shall continue to apply. In order to further protect the members of the University of Wuppertal, the following additional measures will be taken with immediate effect:

1. Employees of the University of Wuppertal, who have returned from China (Hubei Province) since 1 January 2020, are advised to remain at home for a period of 14 days (self-isolate) and to immediately contact their respective superiors by phone or email. At that, arrangements can be made if and to what extent tasks can be performed in other ways (if necessary from home).
2. The same applies to employees of the University of Wuppertal, who have had close contact with people returning from the aforementioned region, in particular if the latter show symptoms typical for the coronavirus.
3. Students who have returned from China (Hubei Province) since 1 January 2020 are also advised to remain at home for 14 days (self-isolate). All students concerned who have exams during this period should immediately contact the examiner or, if this should not be possible, the dean's office of the respective faculty or the Head of the Institute for Educational Research. The observance of these precautionary measures will not have any negative implications for the respective students. It should be noted that the withdrawal from exams is possible up to

one week before they are due to take place. In addition, the examination boards and examiners are requested to treat applications for withdrawal from examinations with consideration.

### General remarks

In any case, employees and students of the University of Wuppertal who have returned from China since 1 January 2020, and who experience the typical symptoms of a possible corona infection (flu-like conditions, fever, cough, breathing difficulties) within 14 days, should seek medical advice.

All employees and students of the University of Wuppertal are asked to keep up to date with the latest developments via the publicly accessible sources. Information can be obtained in particular from the following websites:

**Auswärtiges Amt:**

<https://www.auswaertiges-amt.de/blob/2294930/a7713f963834d1811725f344a487a88f/ncov-data.pdf>

**Bundeszentrale für gesundheitliche Aufklärung:**

<https://www.infektionsschutz.de/coronavirus-2019-ncov.html>

**Robert-Koch-Institut:**

<https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/Infekt/Ausbrueche/respiratorisch/Pneumonien-China.html>

**Max-Planck-Gesellschaft:**

[https://news.rub.de/sites/default/files/corona-virus\\_information\\_mpg\\_29012020\\_de\\_.pdf](https://news.rub.de/sites/default/files/corona-virus_information_mpg_29012020_de_.pdf)

The rectorate would like to clearly emphasize that the measures listed above are only introduced to prevent a further spread of the coronavirus. The protection *from humans* is at no time intended. Members of the university who are affected by the measures need our special attention and support – most notably, when their temporary absence from campus is unavoidable.