



Information Update

on further measures to prevent the spread of the coronavirus

The worldwide spread of the coronavirus necessitates further protective measures, particularly in those scientific institutions which are part of international networks.

With repeal of the announcements made in bulletins 9, 10 and 16, and for further protection of the members of the University of Wuppertal, the measures taken will be extended to the risk areas defined by the Robert Koch Institute with immediate effect.

1. For reasons of employer welfare, business trips of employees to risk areas cannot be approved until further notice (see https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete.html). Business trips to other provinces of the People's Republic of China, South Korea, or regions in France 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 (phone: 439 3899, email: wiese@uni-wuppertal.de).

Employees of the University of Wuppertal who have returned from a risk area since 1 January 2020 and show symptoms of a coronavirus infection are advised to remain at home for a period of 14 days, to immediately contact their respective superiors by phone or email and to inform the personnel department by email (infodez41@uni-wuppertal.de). Further information is available at https://www.presse.uni-wuppertal.de/fileadmin/presse/news/2020/03/Hausmitteilung_Nr.20.pdf. General rules of conduct on, for example, reporting to the health authorities, can be found on the pages of the local health authorities.

2. The same applies to employees of the University of Wuppertal **with symptoms**, who have had close contact to people returning from risk areas, in particular if the contacted person shows symptoms typical for the coronavirus. Further information is available at



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3. Employees are advised to remain at home for 3 days and to immediately contact their respective superiors by phone or email and the personnel department by email (info-dez41@uni-wuppertal.de) when the following conditions apply.
 - _ You have returned from risk areas without symptoms.
 - _ You have had contact with infected persons from a distance.
 - _ You have had contact with persons who have returned from a risk area and show symptoms from a distance.

Further information is available at https://www.presse.uni-wuppertal.de/fileadmin/presse/news/2020/03/Hausmitteilung_Nr.20.pdf. General rules of conduct on, for example, reporting to the health authorities, can be found on the pages of the local health authorities.

Please contact the local health authorities or your general practitioner immediately by telephone if you have been in contact with persons who have been tested positively.

4. Students who have returned from a risk area since 1 January 2020 are also advised to remain at home for 14 days. 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. Complying with 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.



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General Information

In any case, employees and students of the University of Wuppertal who have returned from a risk area, such as China, Italy, South Korea, Iran or certain regions in France since 1 January 2020 and who experience typical symptoms of a coronavirus infection (flu-like conditions, fever, cough, breathing difficulties) within a period of 14 days are advised to 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/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/nCoV.html

Max-Planck-Gesellschaft:

https://news.rub.de/sites/default/files/corona-virus_information_mpg_29012020_de_.pdf

If you have any further questions, please visit the website of the press office of the University of Wuppertal where more detailed information is available. For health-related issues, please contact the company doctor of our university (Dez. 5.5).

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.