



The Rector

Dear members of staff,
Dear students,

The reduction of COVID-19 infections in Germany, Saxony and Dresden is very good news indeed and will subsequently lead to a gradual easing of the current protective measures at TU Dresden. However, the latest examples from Hessen and Lower Saxony, where mass infections occurred in a restaurant and during a church service, show how quickly an infection can flare up again.

So far, the measures taken by TUD to curtail the spread of the corona virus, which are aimed at protecting the health of our university members, have proved very successful. For this, I would like to express my sincere gratitude to all of you! Please continue to be prudent and behave conscientiously as our personal freedoms are gradually being expanded.

The minimum distance of 1.5m and the adherence to the hygiene rules are still as relevant as the principles stipulated by the Saxon Corona Protection Decree, by which physical and social contact with others must be reduced to an absolutely necessary minimum.

The following information is to be understood in this context.

Special regulations for postal services end on 8th June

From 8th June 2020, the postal service will return to the way it was before the emergency operations mode began on 21st March. However, this does not mean that the entire university will resume its normal operation. The regulations regarding limited on-site teaching will continue to apply.

Committee meetings

The updated and much more flexible [Regulations for Committee Meetings](https://tu-dresden.de/tu-dresden/gesundheitsmanagement/ressourcen/dateien/corona/tud-dokumente-intern/Rektor_200527_K-Stab_Festlegungen_Gremien.pdf?lang=de) were sent to the Heads of the Organisational units of TUD by email on 25th May and were published online: https://tu-dresden.de/tu-dresden/gesundheitsmanagement/ressourcen/dateien/corona/tud-dokumente-intern/Rektor_200527_K-Stab_Festlegungen_Gremien.pdf?lang=de. A special request: Please do not use rooms that are urgently needed for limited on-site teaching and exams (e.g. central teaching rooms) for committee meetings.

Use of TUD facilities by cultural groups

The university orchestra, the university choir, DIE BÜHNE and the folklore dance ensemble "Thea Maass" have a cooperation agreement with the university as cultural groups. Since 18th May, they have implemented a hygiene concept and are allowed to use the facilities of TUD. Nevertheless, when allocating rooms priority is given to study and teaching events in order to safeguard this semester. If you have any questions about hygiene concepts, please contact gesundheitsdienst@tu-dresden.de or arbeitssicherheit@tu-dresden.de. Other groups without a cooperation agreement are not yet permitted to use TUD facilities.

Recommendation for self-documentation

Even if the current number of new infections is a reason to be cautiously optimistic, COVID-19 remains a serious threat. For this reason, there is a safety concept for every on-site gathering (whether in research, teaching, administration, transfer) to keep the risk of infection as low as possible. Anyone displaying symptoms typically associated with COVID-19 must stay at home and consult a doctor. Possible symptoms are explained here: https://www.infektionsschutz.de/fileadmin/infektionsschutz.de/Downloads/Orientierungshilfe_Buengerger.pdf

In the event of an infection, the Public Health Department will contact you to trace the chain of infection and will enquire as to your recent whereabouts. We advise you to keep a record in your own interest, as it is difficult to remember all details over a period of 14 days: Make a note (preferably electronically, e.g. using Excel) of the places (buildings, rooms, refectories, libraries, etc.) you visited and the dates, and keep this list for at least 14 days.

Please forward this information to our university medical officer Dr. Friedmann-Ketzmerick (astrid.friedmann-ketzmerick@tu-dresden.de), if you have been diagnosed with the novel corona virus. Dr. Friedmann-Ketzmerick is subject to medical confidentiality and is not allowed to disclose your name to third parties.

After the Crisis Management Team of TU Dresden has evaluated the information, the rooms and times (anonymised, without mentioning names) can then be sent to all students and members of staff via circular mail (if deemed necessary). If you find that you were at the same place at the same time, stay at home and contact the Public Health Department, which will give you further instructions. Please follow the instructions of the Public Health Office. Member of staff should also inform the Directorate Personnel (dezernat2@tu-dresden.de).

We are fully aware of the shortcomings of this procedure: The procedure requires active participation and discipline, the information is not specific and the data collected may be incomplete. However, this has been the only method available to us so far: Considerations for improved (technical) procedures for the collection and processing of participant data by TU Dresden have failed so far due to the lack of a legal basis, especially with regard to lectures. Concrete and detailed ideas for better procedures can be sent to: prorektor.bildung@tu-dresden.de.

Important information about the current semester and the 2020/21 winter semester

In the next few days, the Vice-Rector for Academic and International Affairs will send a separate circular mail once the corresponding decisions have been made.

On behalf of the University Executive Board, I wish all of you a relaxing Pentecost break. We are all in need of this respite because there are many more very strenuous weeks ahead of us, in order to fulfil our social commitments and the necessary tasks in teaching, studies and research. We wish all those who are not able to take such a break all the strength they need, and we hope that they will be able to catch their breath soon.

Stay fit and stay healthy - yours sincerely,

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