Dear members of staff,

The Free State of Saxony has announced a new corona ordinance to be published on 2nd May 2020. The Cabinet of the Saxon State Government will meet on Monday, 4th May 2020 and will take the relevant decisions.

At the moment, we do not yet know what implications this new ordinance will have for TU Dresden. Since many issues are likely to arise from these new regulations and the cabinet decision, and will affect many people with far-reaching consequences, they require careful examination and thorough coordination. Therefore, we will continue to deal with the new regulations with a combination of prudence, due care and will strive for a swift implementation. In this context, I would like to kindly ask you to await more detailed information from the University Executive Board, which will be announced next week. Until then, please refrain from sending individual enquiries to our corona email hotline. Many pressing issues, such as emergency child-care, will be influenced by the new regulations and the cabinet decisions.

The current situation is strenuous and exhausting for all of us. We are aware of the mental strains that sometimes push us to the limits. All the more reasons, to express my gratitude for your commitment and your contributions. In times of social distancing, our TUD family has moved closer together. It is marvellous to see how we use our creativity and flexibility to master the ever-evolving challenges.

In the coming weeks, we will have to deal with adjustments that result from the new regulations issued by both the federal and Saxon governments.

Therefore, I would like to draw your attention to the following pivotal topics, which we can reliably announce today:

**Use of the ZIH tool for special permits**

Employees who carry out duties on the premises of TU Dresden from 4th May, as part of the limited on-site operations, are still obliged to apply for a special authorisation using the ZIH tool. The tool is currently being updated. From 1st May, it offers a list of valid, standard reason for a permit during the limited on-site operations that enables an automated processing of the application. In addition to the standard reasons, you can submit detailed information by selecting “other valid reasons”. If none of the available reasons is selected, the application will be processed manually (apply with 24 hours’ notice). Whenever possible, please tick one of the listed reasons. The tool is being upgraded so that it “remembers” a person’s details, e.g. home address, from the previous application, so that filling in an application can be done swiftly and easily.

**Office building Strehlener Straße**

Please note: The office building Strehlener Straße remains closed to the public.
Opening of all other TUD buildings
As of 4th May, TUD buildings (except the office building Strehlener Straße and all sport facilities) will be open for indispensable tasks during the restricted on-site operations phase. No applications are necessary for opening the buildings. Due to the reduced number of staff in the buildings, the security service will increase their patrol.

Parcel and mail delivery
Detailed regulations for parcel deliveries were sent to the heads of the structural units on 29th April 2020. It takes into account the increased demand due to the limited lab-based research. This detailed regulation will be communicated via the individual structural units. Currently, there are no other changes to the mail delivery system.

Students in need - GFF sets up Corona relief fund - Donations welcome
Under my patronage, the Society of Friends and Sponsors of TU Dresden e. V. (GFF) has set up an aid programme for students. It is a quick and straightforward way to help those affected. Every Euro counts, so please consider a donation: https://tu-dresden.de/tu-dresden/profil/freunde-foerderer/gff/news/studenten-in-not-foerdergesellschaft-richtet-corona-hilfsfonds-ein
Thank you very much to all who have already donated. Even though the federal and state government as well as the student unions have their own, highly laudable support initiatives, our own support association is closest to our hearts and to our student body.

University sports offers more than 150 live online courses - open to all
The university sports facilities of TU Dresden and HTW Dresden jointly created the largest online sports programme in the history of German university sports. 150 live online sport courses with 33,500 available slots are open to all sports enthusiasts. From 4th May and following a 4-week test phase, the University Sports Centre (USZ) of TU Dresden and the University Sports Department of the HTW Dresden will be making this new 'mega online sports offer' available not only to students and employees of both institutions, but also to all affiliated technical colleges and universities and all external sports enthusiasts. The online enrolment for the courses started on 30th April at 2pm.

The University Health Management also uses the USZ registration tool to provide the movement and mindfulness courses online: the very popular “active break” is a straightforward offer. This summer semester, for the very first time, the courses for online mindfulness and relaxation are available to different target groups. The courses Mindfulness Based Student Training (MBST) and Mindfulness Based Employee Training (MBET) are specifically designed to meet the needs of students and university staff. A further excellent example of the commitment of the universities to health and society. Thank you for a record-worthy achievement.

FAQs on the Corona Website
Please take the time to read through the continually updated FAQs: https://tu-dresden.de/corona. They provide an overview of the information available. Please consult this page to obtain statements by the federal and state government as well as by TU Dresden. We continue to provide information on important changes via circular email, like the one you are reading right now. However, these emails cannot convey the very detailed elaborations compiled in the FAQs. If you are missing important topics in the frequently asked questions section, do not hesitate to report them to corona@tu-dresden.de
All this being said, I hope that you will be able to enjoy the bank holiday weekend and use it for recuperation, despite the current limitations. Finally, I would like to wish those of you who have to work on critical task for TUD lots of strength and perseverance.

But most importantly – please stay healthy.

Best regards,

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