

Rector's message as of 1st October 2020

Dear members of Technische Universität Dresden,

The holidays in the family circle come closer. In line with the recommendations of the German Chancellor and the federal states for a protective phase before Christmas ("early Christmas vacation or work from home/mobile working") and view of the early start of the Saxon school vacations on December 19, 2020, the University Executive Board has decided the following in consultation with the Personnel Representation Council and extension of circular letter D3/1/2020 concerning the closure period:

There will be no teaching or classroom activities at TU Dresden on Monday, December 21, Tuesday, December 22, and Wednesday, December 23, 2020. Employees work, if possible, mobile or from home. The burden of childcare at home should be taken into account by supervisors.

Irrespective of this, employees and supervisors should remain in contact through the channels agreed upon among themselves (at least by telephone or email) to ensure that urgent tasks can be dealt with if necessary. In this context, please also note the information on data protection and IT security for mobile working at TU Dresden compiled by Team Unit 3.5 Information Security: <https://tu-dresden.de/informationssicherheit/mobiles-arbeiten>.

The recommendation of a generous granting of leave or the use of time credits for Wednesday, December 23, 2020, was already made in circular letter D3/1/2020 and can also be applied to December 21 and 22, 2020. Supervisors are required to react to the coronavirus-related additional workload of the employees through organizational measures and are entitled to grant paid leave if necessary.

If unavoidable official tasks in defined areas of work require the presence of employees in the office in the period from December 21 to December 23, 2020, this must be reported to the Directorate Personnel at stabsstelle2.01@tu-dresden.de by December 16, 2020 at the latest, together with a brief justification. For exceptions to the closure period, i.e. for the period from December 24, 2020 to January 3, 2021, please refer to the exceptions in circular letter D3/1/2020.

In addition, due to the increased risk of infection, which cannot be ruled out, due to the New Year celebrations, a protection week is planned for the period from January 4 to January 8, 2021. During this period, mobile working applies, unless necessary operational activities require presence (circular letter D3/1/2020 applies to the exceptions). Any leave or compensatory time off already applied for will not be rebooked.

Courses will take place exclusively in digital form during this week.

With warm season's greetings - and stay healthy!

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The Rector

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