

### **Rector's message as of 8<sup>th</sup> December 2020**

Dear members of Technische Universität Dresden,

In Saxony, the number of COVID-19 infections continues to rise dramatically. In this situation, TU Dresden is strongly committed to making a significant contribution to the reduction of contacts and to infection control. Therefore, the University Executive Board has decided to discontinue on-site teaching as of Thursday, December 10, 2020, and to switch completely to online teaching. In addition, employees should work remotely wherever possible (mobile working).

In concrete terms, this means:

#### **Teaching**

Courses that are currently still being taught on site will be replaced by digital courses from December 10, 2020. This does not apply to courses in which the acquisition of skills is impossible without direct physical interaction by the students (e.g. laboratory practicals), which are carried out in small groups and examinations, in which no more than three persons are present. You can find information and contact persons on the central [information sites on teaching and learning during the coronavirus pandemic](#).

#### **Mobile working**

All supervisors and staff with personnel responsibility are requested to instruct their employees to work remotely, as far as their duties permit this and their presence at TU Dresden is not indispensable for the fulfillment of their tasks. Work that requires physical presence on the campus – e.g. laboratory work, experimental research or certain administrative tasks – is still possible, provided that the current [hygiene rules](#) are strictly adhered to. Please note that you are still required to register via the [ZIH tool](#) before entering TUD buildings.

These measures initially apply until January 10, 2021. In the first week of January, the University Executive Board will reassess the situation and decide on the continuation of the measures. The regulations regarding the turn of the year announced in the [circular letter of December 4, 2020](#) remain unaffected by this circular letter and continue to apply.

Despite these unprecedented challenges, we would nonetheless like to wish you a wonderful festive season - and most importantly - stay healthy!

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