Rector’s message as of 6th January 2021

Dear Members of the University,

First of all, we would like to wish you and your loved ones all the best for the new year, and most importantly: that you stay healthy!

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 infection rates numbers offer no grounds for complacency. For this reason, we have decided to enact the following regulations for teaching, research and administration at TU Dresden:

Teaching

- Until the end of the lecture period of the 2020/21 winter semester on **February 6, 2021**, teaching at TU Dresden is to be conducted digitally.
- Only courses in which the acquisition of competences is impossible without the direct physical interaction of the students (e.g. lab internships) are permitted on-site in small groups. These must be reported to the Dean's Office of the relevant faculty (or the Central Academic Units) before they are held.
- In all the above-mentioned instances, the currently required hygiene measures must be observed, including the minimum distances between participants. If this is not possible for a specific internship, FFP2 masks must be provided to the participants by the respective faculty (in consultation with the occupational safety department, protective clothing may be required).

A separate circular mail will follow shortly regarding the measures to be observed during examinations for the 2020/21 winter semester.

Research and Administration

- All managerial staff are requested to instruct their employees to work remotely as a matter of priority, insofar as their activities permit this and the presence of TU Dresden's employees is not essential for the fulfilment of their tasks.
- Especially for parents with child-care obligations or individuals belonging to a risk group, working remotely is preferred. In this context, please refer to the specific regulations on the [Corona-FAQ](#) webpage of TU Dresden.
- Work, for which a presence on campus is essential, e.g. laboratory and workshop activities, experimental research or certain administrative tasks, not only in the ZUV, is possible under close observation of the previous [hygiene rules](#). The alternation between on-site and remote work is equally permissible.
- The measures will initially apply until **February 6, 2021**.
The current situation is challenging and demands flexibility and commitment from everyone. This is all the more reason to thank you for your prudence and willingness to making this a successful winter semester for everyone. In particular, we would like to ask our Deans, as well as the Heads of the Central Academic Units, and the Directors to be a motivational force in their units and to find creative solutions in cases of hardship as to avoid increased burdens.

The obligation to register via the Facilities Check-In Tool remains in force.

Best regards,

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