

### **Rector's message as of 6<sup>th</sup> 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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