



Der Rektor

Rector's message on 12th March: Important Corona News

Dear members of staff. Dear students,

On behalf of the University Executive Board, I would once again like to update you regarding measures and recommendations for dealing with the coronavirus.

The current situation is very arduous and toilsome for all of us as it is wholly unprecedented. It calls for greater than usual mindfulness, prudence, solidarity and flexibility, not only in our private lives, but also at our university.

The University Executive Board maintains constant contact with the relevant federal and municipal authorities, all the while exchanging information with medical experts at the university. It is also holding meetings on this topic when necessary, as the situation is dynamic.

TU Dresden centrally provides all information on its dedicated webpage. It is continually updated.

The following points require special attention:

Start of Semester:

The start of events with mandatory attendance of the summer semester 2020 at TU Dresden has been postponed until at least 27th April 2020.

Despite intensive preparations, there are still numerous unanswered questions regarding such a wide-ranging measure. We shall try to clarify these questions as quickly as possible while ensuring legal certainty, in consultation with the responsible persons, stakeholders and committees. We will continually inform you via the TU Dresden webpage and directly via email. Therefore, please check your TUD email inbox regularly and make sure that you are contactable via email at all times.

Business Trips:

Business trips to high-risk areas (continually updated by the Robert Koch Institute, RKI) are prohibited for employees of TU Dresden until further notice. For additional details, please consult the latest TUD recommendations and the information provided for staff by the Free State of Saxony via the TUD website.

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Events:

According to the <u>decree</u> of the Saxon Ministry of Social Affairs (SMS), valid from 12th March 2020, 8:00am, large-scale events involving more than 1,000 participants must be cancelled. The duration of this measure has not been announced. For events involving fewer than 1,000 participants, the <u>criteria of the RKI</u> for risk assessment of events are to be applied restrictively. Events attended by international guests, especially by those coming from SARS-CoV-2 high-risk areas, should be cancelled in accordance with this decree or take place without these visitors. The same applies to events, including cultural or sporting events, which are expected to attract visitors from heavily affected federal states, such as North Rhine-Westphalia, Baden-Württemberg and Bavaria.

Best regards on behalf of the University Executive Board,

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