Corona virus: Current information for students and members of the university

March 13, 2020

In-class lectures cancelled

The Rhineland-Palatinate Ministry of Science and the state universities have decided that face-to-face teaching in the current summer semester cannot start again until April 20, 2020.

Up to this date, lectures, seminars, tutorials, exercises and similar face-to-face lectures will no longer take place on campus.

Exams can continue to be carried out as planned and all exams can be taken. This applies to all types of exams, including individually supervised bachelor and project work.

Practical phases with the dual partners are not affected by the ministry’s decree and can generally continue in coordination with the dual partners.

In the next few days, we will work with the teaching staff to determine exactly how to proceed until April 20, 2020. The university will continue to expand its online events in this context. The university’s general administration, research offices and other activities continue to take place.

We kindly ask you to refrain from making detailed inquiries.

The following also applies:

People who have been in a risk area within the past 14 days should avoid - regardless of symptoms - unnecessary contacts and remain at home for the time being.
People who were in a risk area and show symptoms such as fever, muscle pain, cough, runny nose, diarrhea, etc. within 14 days after returning from risk areas should avoid all unnecessary contacts and stay at home. These persons have to immediately contact their family doctor by phone or contact the emergency medical service on telephone number 116117.

Persons who have had contact with a person diagnosed with COVID-19 during their stay in a risk area or within the past 14 days immediately contact the local health department. This must always be done - regardless of the appearance of symptoms.

The responsible health authority can be determined by entering the postcode via the following link: https://tools.rki.de/PLZTool

The current list of risk areas applies, which can be called up at the Robert Koch Institute https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete.html

Employees who have relevant symptoms or illnesses should not come to the university.

Business trips and excursions generally do not take place or must be reduced to the inevitably necessary.

Reduction of meetings, events and other appointments to the inevitably necessary level. When evaluating, the type of event, the time required, the urgency, the importance, the group of participants and the location must be distinguished.
As far as possible, employees should use teleworking or mobile work. Appropriate reasoned applications can be made to the supervisor or the supervisor for home office approval. Supervisors are asked to review these applications and contact the HR department.

Visitor traffic is to be reduced to the absolute minimum. Reference is made to the use of the telephone or email.

The information applies to everyone at our university, i.e. students, professors, lecturers and all other people who work at our institution. The employees who are supposed to stay at home should also call the personnel department immediately to clarify the further procedure. In the case of an exemption, the remuneration or wage payment continues.