Circular No. 47/2020
Current changes to corona-related legislation
- Student contact tracing -
- Handling of latest changes to corona-related legislation -
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Dear Sir or Madam,

The latest updates to the Ordinance on Protection Against New Coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 Infections ([Coronaschutzverordnung](#)) and the General Order by the German Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs ([Allgemeinverfügung](#)) imply a further easing of restrictions and a change of strategy. Ensuring traceability is gradually given priority over the protection of the individual. The Rectorate has aligned the University safety strategy with this amended legislation and laid out the approach applicable to the ongoing summer semester as well as to the planning of the upcoming winter semester. This as well as the further opening of University facilities in “safe operations” mode are topic of this Circular.

1. Student contact tracing

[Circular 39/2020](#) informed you about the requirement to log specific details for contact tracing purposes. These included personal information such as name, address, phone number (and, in case of students, student ID numbers) plus details on the arrival to and departure from University premises. By collecting this data, basic traceability criteria are met.

To increase efficiency and ensure quick availability, the process for collecting of student data for traceability purposes with regard to on-site examinations as well as to on-site (practical) courses has been simplified. This has been agreed in cooperation with the local health authority. As a result, logging of the student ID number and University email address is sufficient as further student contact details can be retrieved retrospectively, via the student ID number.
2. Handling of current changes to corona-related legislation

Basic traceability is now complemented by special traceability based on fixed seating plans. Restrictions with regard to the number of participants in on-site (practical) courses have also been eased.

To protect employees and students and for reliable planning and practical purposes, the Rectorate and deans agreed to conclude the summer semester based on current parameters and plans in place. Taking into account the development of the coronavirus pandemic as well as changes to the Coronaschutzverordnung and Allgemeinverfügung (expected from July onwards), the Rectorate will inform you about the plans for the winter semester and changes to the current protection strategy in due course.

Where in exceptional cases, and out of necessity, courses are held out of alignment with current applicable parameters prior to the winter semester 2020/21, separate risk assessments must be carried out, hygiene and protection concepts established and/or previously approved hygiene and protection concepts reviewed.

3. Reopening of museums

University museums so far had not been included in the “safe operations” arrangements and had been closed. Going forward, museums may open again for research and teaching activities as well as for the public, given risk assessments with regards to infection protection have been carried out and resulting hygiene and protection concepts are applied. Once again the Occupational and Environmental Safety Unit has made a concept template available here: https://www.uni-bonn.de/die-universitaet/informationen-zum-coronavirus/2020-06-24-beispiel-hygiene-und-schutzkonzepte-fur-museen-im-geschutzten-betrieb.docx.

Sincerely,

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