Circular No. 25/2021
New Coronavirus Protection Ordinance
And New General Order for Universities from the German Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (MAGS)

Dear Sir or Madam,

This is to inform you about the latest amendments to the Coronavirus Protection Ordinance (effective as of March 09, 2021) and the General Order for Universities (effective as of March 08, 2021). Their latest versions remain effective until March 28, 2021.

- Libraries: The latest Coronavirus Protection Ordinance makes the use of libraries for studying and working possible again, provided regulations on maintaining distance, wearing of masks as well as hygiene and traceability are adhered to. The University is preparing to gradually resume its service offers, coordinating the opening of work and study places at the USL, departmental and institute libraries step-by-step.

Initially, as of March 15, 2021, the USL will provide access to its open stacks and further extend its current opening hours (Monday to Friday 10 am to 6 pm). The partial opening of reading rooms, the Main Library Information Center and use of MNL Branch Library working spaces (subject to the same regulations) is being looked at. In a joint effort, the USL, departmental and institute libraries are currently preparing the respective measures, which we will inform you about in a separate circular.
- **University Sports**: Open-air University sports grounds may only be used for joint practice by up to 5 persons from two different households.

- Depending on the local incidence rate, **museums, exhibitions and the Botanical Gardens** may open with or without prior visitor bookings. Medical masks must be worn by everyone present and contact tracing must be accounted for. In enclosed rooms, the maximum number of persons allowed per 20 square meters is one person.

The Coronavirus Protection Ordinance allows for further easing of restrictions prior to March 28, 2021 where incidence rates fall accordingly. Where University operations will be affected, we will inform you via circular and on the [corona-related sections of the University website](https://www.uni-bonn.de/en/coronavirus/).

Sincerely,

signed Professor Dr. Dr. h. c. Michael Hoch  
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