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Current Information on the Coronavirus

Dear members of the university community at UAS Neubrandenburg,

As the situation regarding the so-called coronavirus is still very much present, we have updated our information below:

Risk Assessment

Coronavirus infections (SARS-CoV-2) have now been confirmed in nearly all of the federal states. The Robert Koch Institute currently considers the situation in Germany to be moderately dangerous for the population. The University governance is not currently aware of any suspected or confirmed coronavirus infections at UAS Neubrandenburg.

Hygiene

In order to prevent infection with this or other infectious diseases, UAS Neubrandenburg explicitly recommends you observe **general hygiene practices, as well as coughing and sneezing etiquette.**

- Avoid shaking hands.
- Observe good hand hygiene practices and wash your hands thoroughly with sufficient soap and water. It is recommended that you lather your hands with soap for 20 to 30 seconds before washing them off with running water.
- Comply with coughing and sneezing etiquette (use your elbow instead of your hand).
- Use disposable tissues only once and dispose of them properly.
- Keep a distance of between one and two metres to other persons and, in particular, avoid close contact with persons who show signs of a respiratory illness.

Further information can be found in the attached information provided by BAD, or on the Federal Centre for Health Education's (BZgA) website.

(URL: <https://www.infektionsschutz.de/hygienetipps.html> [de])

We have mounted important hygiene tips in the public toilets on UAS Neubrandenburg's campus. They include guidelines for avoiding infectious diseases that are both general and specific for the current circumstances. We ask you to take note of these.

Meeting Other People

Shaking hands is less of a problem if you make sure you comply with general hand hygiene practices. However – as a general rule, at the moment you should avoid shaking hands and hugging others.

Contact to Persons Who Could Be or Are Infected & Visits to Risk Areas

In order to protect third parties, UAS Neubrandenburg currently insists that persons (employees, students, lecturers and guests) who have returned from one of the **risk regions** as defined by the Robert Koch Institute (**China**: Hubei Province (incl. city of Wuhan); **Iran**: Qom Province, Tehran; **Italy**: the region of Emilia-Romagna, the region of Lombardy, and the town of Vò in the Province of Padua in the region of Veneto; **South Korea**: Gyeongsangbuk-do (North Gyeongsang Province))¹ **are not allowed to access the University premises** within the first **14 days** after their return, and they must make efforts of their own accord to strongly reduce the number of social contacts.

The same applies to persons,

- who have been or are still in **contact with persons who are ill**,
and
- who **are infected with the coronavirus**.

Members of the university community, who experience symptoms of illness, or have had contact with persons who have fallen ill, are also asked to observe the two-week period. If symptoms occur whilst on the university campus, the person affected is required to leave the premises, to contact a doctor, and report the suspected case.

Persons affected are not allowed to access the university premises until it has been confirmed that the test for the suspected case has come back negative, or the person has made a full recovery.

Students affected who have courses with compulsory attendance, are asked to contact their respective lecturers and explain the reasons for their absence. The University shall do its utmost to make sure that the current situation does not cause any disadvantages to the students. Employees should inform the HR Department and their line managers/superiors of their absence as usual.

If you belong to one of the groups mentioned above, **please inform the University by reporting the suspected case or illness** to corona@hs-nb.de. This is the only suitable way to ensure that further protective measures can be taken in good time.

Travel Warnings/Bans on Work-Related Travel

Members of the university community are still urged to cancel any trips to risk areas defined as such by the RKI; currently **work-related travel** to these areas shall not receive approval. For all other trips abroad, please take note of the Federal Foreign Office's up-to-date travel and safety information.

In general, please note:

¹ Last revised: 03/03/2020 (the current list and further information can be found at https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/nCoV.html [de])



Persons, who were in one of the risk areas and contract symptoms such as a high temperature, muscle ache, cough, runny nose or diarrhoea within 14 days after their return, should avoid any unnecessary contact to all others, stay at home, and contact a doctor immediately.

As the situation can change, please keep up to date with the corresponding recommendations on a daily basis. In order to counteract the further spread of the virus, we ask you to consult the Robert Koch Institute's website [de] regularly to find out about current developments.

The Federal Centre for Health Education (BZgA) provides answers to frequently asked questions about the novel coronavirus.

Please also keep an eye on the information published on UAS Neubrandenburg's website.

Yours faithfully,

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