



The new **coronavirus** (SARS-CoV-2) and the resulting infection **COVID-19**; information for the Nuremberg University of Music

Dear colleagues and students of the Nuremberg University of Music,

We wrote to you on 6th February 2020 with information regarding the new coronavirus and its implications.

After initial uncertainty, it now seems unfortunately apparent, that this infectious respiratory disease with spread in due course. The Federal Ministry of Health expects the infection rate for the coronavirus to rise significantly in the next few weeks, estimating the risk to public health as high, whereas the risk to individuals as moderate. This estimate is supported by the Robert Koch Institute.

In light of these official estimates we therefore wish to re-emphasize our previously given information and inform you all of further measures you can take to help deal with the spread of the coronavirus:

- If you experience the onset of influenza (flu)-like symptoms, please stay at home and contact your general practitioner (GP) or similar on-call health services (Tel. 116 117). Here you should be advised as what to do next. Your doctor or on-call health professional may advise you to undergo a test to establish whether you have the virus, in which case you should comply and take the test.
- Students and employees of the University of Music, who have been in contact with persons who have contracted COVID-19 in the last 14 days, must remain at home and contact their responsible health services/authority even if they show no symptoms of the disease.
- Students and employees who have spent time in a high-risk area, i.e. an area with known cases of coronavirus-infected persons, should remain away from the University of Music premises and avoid all personal contact.

In all the aforementioned cases, students should get in touch with the university's Student Services and employees with the university's Personnel Department.

For further information about high risk areas please contact the Robert Koch Institute (RKI):
(https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete.html)

- Managing and teaching staff are obliged to send all colleagues or students who show signs of flu-like symptoms home.

The University of Music is providing for intensified cleansing and disinfection of frequently used areas, e.g. foyer, lifts, photocopying rooms, etc.

We also wish to advise that the following measures to prevent the further spread of the coronavirus will be undertaken:

- official trips or excursions into high-risk areas will not be approved
- travel to large events or international events should be limited to a minimum or cancelled in consultation with the University management

Please observe the following rules of hygiene:

- avoid shaking hands when greeting others
 - wash hands thoroughly with soap and water and avoid touching your face
 - please cough or sneeze into a paper tissue or your elbow (NOT into your hand). When sneezing or coughing please keep well clear of others. Dispose of all paper tissues immediately
 - air all rooms regularly by opening the windows.
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- please be aware of personal symptoms and in case of illness stay at home.
 - avoid close contact with other persons and especially persons with evident symptoms of illness.

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