Updated provisions in connection with the novel coronavirus

Please note the following information of the provost of the UBT:

The crisis committee of the University of Bayreuth has been operative since February and remains in daily contact with authorities. It is staffed by representatives from all areas of the University. We are observing the situation very closely and readjusting our measures continuously. Besides our contribution to containing the spread of the virus, the protection of students and employees is our top priority. Currently (as of Wednesday, 18.03.2020, 9:00 a.m.) there has been no confirmed case of coronavirus infection at the University of Bayreuth.

In order to stem the spread of the coronavirus as much as possible and for your protection, the University of Bayreuth has decided to take further steps to reduce public operations.

The following measures currently apply on the Campus of the University of Bayreuth:

**Catering**
Studentenwerk Oberfranken (Upper Franconian Association for Student Affairs) is closing the cafeteria and all other catering facilities from 18.03.2020 until further notice.

The following further preventative measures have been installed provisionally until 19.04.2020:

**Central Library / Departmental Libraries**
closed since 15.03.2020. University employees and students can access digital services from off-campus via VPN/Proxy or by authentication via Shibboleth (Springer Nature and Wiley publishers). Individual collections and databases are excluded from this due to licensing conditions. For queries on research, please contact auskunft.ub@uni-bayreuth.de or 0921 / 55-3420. Overdue loans procedures will be suspended.

**IT**
PC pools, PC Garage, Laptop Consulting, Stock Issue and the non-public areas are all closed. Please contact per e-mail (ITS-Beratung@uni-bayreuth.de) or telephone (0921/55-3003).

**Travels**
The UBT strictly prohibits business trips to risk areas. The current list is available on the website of the Robert Koch Institute (https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete.html). Furthermore, other trips to non-risk areas should also be avoided if at all possible.
Returning travellers
Travel returnees from risk areas defined by the Robert Koch Institute may not come to the University of Bayreuth with immediate effect (status 17.3.) and under no circumstances. For this group an absolute prohibition of entry applies to the entire campus and all properties of the University of Bayreuth. The day of publication by the Robert Koch Institute, including the 14 days before, is decisive.

Visits to the University: should be avoided as far as possible. Delegation visits and external visits must be cancelled. Communication can be conducted electronically or by mail: The University’s central mailbox is emptied regularly and can be accessed outside of Central University Administration (ZUV) opening hours. For the time being (status 12.3.2020), staff at Student Advising no longer offer personal advising appointments in the offices of ZUV. The hotline on 0921/55-4433 is manned Monday to Friday from 9.00 a.m. to 12.00 p.m. Appointments for telephone advising can be made here. Enrolments and re-enrolments: please not in person but by contacting: studierendenkanzlei@uni-bayreuth.de. Consultation hours have been cancelled. Any queries should be resolved by telephone with the respective lecturers/departments. The card-service office of Studentenwerk Oberfranken (SWO) (Upper Franconian Association for Student Affairs) can only be reached via e-mail (kasse@studentenwerk-oberfranken.de). Individual consultation hours at SWO advising centres are cancelled until further notice, although the advising centres can still be reached via telephone or e-mail (info@studentenwerk-oberfranken.de).

Members of the University can stay informed via telephone or our webpage. The webpage https://www.uni-bayreuth.de/en/university/press/corona/index.html is continuously updated. Answers to FAQs can be found here https://www.uni-bayreuth.de/en/university/press/corona/faqs-corona/index.html. Due to the high demand at the moment, there may be delays in reaching the website of the University of Bayreuth.

The University Governing Board urgently requests that the recommendations made by the Federal Chancellor and the Bavarian State Government be followed. This means the strict avoidance of risks and the careful observance of strict hygiene.

We would like to thank all members of the university community for their discipline, solidarity, helpfulness, and creativity in dealing with the challenges that we are facing each day. We will continue to keep you informed of further developments.

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