Tracing Infections

Dear colleagues,
dear students,

We would like to inform you about the measures the University will take in case of a COVID-19 outbreak. Specifically, this involves tracing the infection paths and thereby reducing the risk of infection.

We urge you to report to the University if you have tested positive for the SARS-CoV-2 virus or if you have been ordered to quarantine by the local public health authority.

A central reporting office has been set up for this purpose. It can be found at:

https://uol.de/coronameldung_intranet

Here you will find a contact form. Please fill it out if you are infected or have been ordered to quarantine. You will be asked for various details that will help us to identify contact persons at the university and ask them to stay at home as a precaution.

The procedure described below represents a preventive protective measure of the University of Oldenburg and does not replace the orders of the public health authority (“Gesundheitsamt”).

If an infected student or instructor has been at the university during the last five days before the onset of symptoms —for instance, in a classroom session—the teachers and students who have attended the same in-person classes and may be affected are requested to stay away from the campus for two
weeks. These persons are identified via Stud.IP. The course instructor has to switch his or her courses to an online format for fourteen days.

**We ask all instructors to be prepared for the situation in which a temporary return to completely online teaching may become necessary.**

Courses that take place online are of course not affected by this.

In order to ensure that only those students who were actually present in person in class are informed, all instructors must keep an attendance list on Stud.IP for each class session. These lists are kept solely for the purpose of identifying possible contact persons in case of an infection. Instructors will receive a separate document with details about how to maintain these lists. The lists are created in such a way that only the previous four weeks can be viewed. Older data is automatically deleted.

In case an employee is infected, the management of the department is informed via the personnel department. Possible contact persons at the respective place of work are requested to stay away from the campus for two weeks. In case an instructor is infected, the same applies to all students who attended the instructor’s classes in-person. For follow-up purposes, attendance lists are also required for committee, commission, staff and other meetings.

Infected persons’ personal data will not be forwarded. Persons affected by protective measures are only informed that an infected person was present at a certain meeting or class. The entire procedure is coordinated with the University's data protection officer.

The spread of infection in the Northwest makes it clear that we are still in the midst of a pandemic. Please make sure to observe the hygiene measures in order to protect yourself and others.

**The Presidential Board**  
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