To: All staff of Heidelberg University

Heidelberg, 12 May 2021

Dear staff members and colleagues,

I write to inform you about the following decisions taken at a meeting of the Rectorate today on further procedure regarding the coronavirus pandemic.

**Confirmation of entitlement to vaccination**

According to §4(1)8 of the current version of the Coronavirus Vaccination Ordinance, everyone working at a university enjoys high priority for obtaining a protective vaccination (priority group 3, no 27). While it is true that this priority group has not yet been completely released for vaccination in the State of Baden-Württemberg and therefore the staff of universities are currently not yet entitled to be vaccinated, we assume that this will be permitted in the near future. At [www.impfen-bw.de](http://www.impfen-bw.de) you can consult the list of the groups of people entitled to be vaccinated, which is being constantly updated. Those of you residing in other German federal states are kindly asked to inform yourselves at the local level about the situation regarding vaccination entitlement.

The following link provides an Employer Confirmation form, to identify you as an employee of Heidelberg University and hence as entitled to vaccination under the Coronavirus Vaccination Ordinance. As of now, all executive staff of the university are entitled to issue the form – on request – for the employees with whom they work (including student assistants) and to sign it, using the stamp of the respective institute/facility.

**Heidelberg University vaccination entitlement**

Further, I would like to point out that the relevant form of the Baden-Württemberg Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration has still not been supplemented to include the employees of universities. For that reason, Heidelberg University recommends that, as of now, you use the above-mentioned Employer Confirmation form. Forms from other federal states are not valid.
Subject to vaccine availability at the university, we plan to provide an additional vaccination opportunity for all staff members of Heidelberg University as of mid-June 2021, carried out by the university medical service.

**Home office**
The Rectorate has extended its urgent recommendation to use opportunities to work at home. That means it has also extended the instrument of Temporary Home Office through to 30 June 2021. Subject to the general legal conditions and the situation with the pandemic (incidences, vaccination quotas etc.), the university will return to regular on-campus operations as soon as possible, taking account of the need for increased personal presence towards the end of the lecture period of the current summer semester.

If you have questions or any other concerns around the topic of Covid-19, our Coronavirus Service Portal is at your disposal:

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Email: service.corona@uni-heidelberg.de

Kind regards and keep healthy!

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