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To all staff of Heidelberg University

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**Update on Covid-19**

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Dear staff and colleagues

Shortly before Christmas I am writing to you again about two matters.

**Circular of the deputy chair of the Staff Council**

Last week the deputy chair of the Staff Council circulated a letter that might have caused some confusion and unclarity. I have consulted with the Staff Council Board and would like to clarify the position of the university and point out that the rules have been decided by the Rectorate.

Documenting the check on the staff's 3G certificates is, and remains, absolutely necessary on the basis of the general regulatory framework. Without delay, the content of the rules was communicated in full to the deans and heads of institutes and facilities. The required procedure for handling the data was settled rapidly, transparently and in conformity with data protection. It might be that the data is not always handled in an orderly manner everywhere, hence you are requested to implement the regulations in accordance with my circular or the [website](#) when conducting further data collections. In particular, I would like to point out that any certificates you may be holding on 3G status must be destroyed immediately.

The current procedure with regard to Covid test opportunities for staff was coordinated and agreed in the Rectorate, the Senate and the local health authority. There may indeed be different lines of legal argument here, but they have not been finally assessed. Our dialogue with experts and the Staff Council on this matter is ongoing. If serious changes occur, we will make adjustments and inform you immediately.

Furthermore, I would like to point out that the extension of the 3G rule to guests and visitors to the university was coordinated with the Staff Council Board and constitutes an important element of our strategy for increasing safety.

We are continuing to plan specific vaccination opportunities for all members of the university and can already announce the following extra options for employees and students: a doctor's office in Heidelberg-Neuenheim will exclusively vaccinate members of the university on Thursday 20 January and Friday 21 January 2022. Participants'

university identity card will be checked at the entrance to the surgery. All further information and the link to register is available already on our [vaccination webpages](#).

In addition, the university medical service is offering vaccination with Moderna for over-30-year-old employees on two Wednesdays, 19 January and 2 February 2022. Information about the vaccination days is already available on our [vaccination webpages](#), and registrations will open in January. If you have an appointment and are unable to keep it, we kindly ask you to cancel it as soon as possible.

### **New Coronavirus Ordinance on degree-related activities**

The new version of the [Coronavirus Ordinance on degree-related activities](#) -- applicable as of today -- takes account of the judgement of the Baden-Württemberg Administrative Court published last Friday, which called for more precision in setting out the measures to ensure that non-immunised students can still make progress in their studies.

Basically we aim to keep working on campus this semester, maintaining the familiar precautions, in particular regarding the 2G rule for on-campus classes and the 3G rule for examinations and various forms of practice class.

The clause about ensuring that non-immunised students can continue to study (§2(5) CoronaVO Studienbetrieb) has been rendered more specific. It now provides that, in the case of compulsory or elective classes as set out in the course regulations, universities "have to guarantee that non-immunised students can still keep up with their studies, if they are not allowed to attend on-campus lectures/classes, by providing

1. simultaneous digital access to these classes (hybrid format),
2. a digital recording immediately after the respective class,
3. written documents containing the material either before or immediately after a class,
4. options 1 to 3 in an appropriate combination, or by using
5. methods basically guaranteeing that studies can be kept up in an equivalent way."

Detailing these options merely supplements our procedure to date. Consequently I ask all teachers to take special care that the participation of not (fully) immunised students is guaranteed and to make sure they have access to all examination-relevant material in an appropriate way. The current version of the Coronavirus Ordinance on degree-related activities applies until and including 17 January 2022.

### **Coronavirus Service Portal**

Please continue to address all concerns around the coronavirus to our Coronavirus Service Portal:

Tel: 06221 54-19191

Email: [service.corona@uni-heidelberg.de](mailto:service.corona@uni-heidelberg.de)

Let me conclude by thanking you warmly for your constructive support in the past year, not only relative to the Covid-19 issue, and wishing you and yours a Happy Christmas and a good start to a healthy and successful year 2022.

Stay healthy, with best regards



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