



Informations on emergency on-site operations - Uni-list

Dear members of the university,

On Tuesday, the University of Potsdam will transition to so-called emergency on-site operations. Please also see the press release from the Ministry of Science: <https://mwfk.brandenburg.de/mwfk/de/service/pressemitteilungen/ansicht/~21-03-2020-hochschulen-praesenznotbetrieb>, my video message from yesterday: www.uni-potsdam.de, as well as the UP's corona website: www.uni-potsdam.de/en/presse/press/latest-news/coronavirus.

Emergency on-site operations differ from a closure in that urgent work can be continued as long as this does not lead to additional risks of infection. Digital teaching also remains possible. However, only those university staff members are still on site who absolutely need to be present to carry out their official duties. Physical contact and the associated risks of infection should be avoided as far as possible, appropriate hygiene has to be strictly applied.

Dear employees, please make sure that you discuss the subject of your presence with your supervisor as soon as possible. If you have children to look after, more generous regulations concerning time off work are effective immediately. Our chancellor will contact you shortly with detailed information.

For teaching and especially for the upcoming examinations, emergency on-site operations will bring significant changes. Dear students, please take note of Saturday's e-mail from our Vice-President for Studies and Teaching, also with regard to a possible substitution of on-site attendance formats by online formats.

At the moment, we are still assuming that we will be able to offer limited teaching based on digital course formats in the summer semester. All this, of course, is based on the premise that top priority is still being given to slowing down the further spread of the virus.

Dear UP members, we are going through difficult times. Each and every one of us is personally affected by this. Such a situation was completely unimaginable just a few days ago. We at UP will make our societal contribution to help overcome this crisis. And we will keep the negative effects on our students as well as our staff as minor as possible.

Let me close this mail with a thank you to all of you. Thanks to our staff, who have responded to the exceptional circumstances with remarkable commitment and flexibility, and who master the new, unfamiliar tasks with great efficiency. Thanks to our students, who have reacted calmly to the unclear situation as a whole and, together with their lecturers, have found and will continue to find pragmatic solutions for the continuation of their studies and teaching.

I will be contacting you again soon.

With the best wishes for you and your loved ones,

Oliver Günther