



**Mask mandate and opening hours of the library - Unilist e-mail from Prof. Oliver Günther –
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Dear colleagues,
dear students,
dear guests of the University of Potsdam,

The winter semester has begun and is unfortunately still marked by the coronavirus pandemic. These exceptional circumstances require all of us to constantly review and readjust our own behavior – in everyday office life, in teaching and in the lecture halls. The rules and restrictions imposed due to the virus are omnipresent.

Our main goal is to protect our employees, students and guests and to do everything in our power to ensure that we do not contribute to the further spread of the virus. At the same time, we want to make sure that we fulfill our primary tasks in teaching, research and transfer as well as we possibly can under the circumstances.

Over the past few days, there have been many discussions nationwide about the applicable ordinances and hygiene regulations. The state of Berlin has made masks mandatory in all office buildings. Some institutions in Brandenburg have also been implementing this requirement for some time now.

In line with this, we are also introducing such a requirement into our everyday life. **Until further notice, please wear a community mask covering your mouth and nose in the hallways, corridors, elevators and staircases of the University of Potsdam.** This also applies when you are entering or leaving lecture halls or seminar rooms. Inside meeting rooms, lecture halls, seminar rooms or offices, the mask can be removed once you are at your desk or seat, provided that you can keep a distance of at least 1.5 meters to other people.

Finally, I would like to inform you **that the University Library will be extending its opening hours again starting next week.** For more information please visit the website of the University Library:
<https://www.ub.uni-potsdam.de/de/benutzung/standorte-oeffnungszeiten/oeffnungs-und-servicezeiten>.

With all due caution, I am convinced that we will find the right compromises and master the situation together. Let us continue to work on this with dedication and look out for one another. I would like to thank you for this.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Günther