Mask mandate during courses – Unilist e-mail from Prof. Oliver Günther – 26. October 2020

Dear colleagues,
dear students,
dear guests of the University of Potsdam,

Despite our comprehensive hygiene concepts, the rising number of infections and the fact that there is no possibility of forming permanent cohorts in lecture halls and seminar rooms means that we have to introduce more rigorous preventive measures against the spread of the coronavirus. If the minimum distance of 1.50 meters is not observed during courses, a mask covering your mouth and nose must be worn when attending courses or vocational, advanced or continuing education offers. This is only mandatory for those who participate in the offers in question, not for those who offer them.

Wearing a mask will also prevent lecture hall and seminar seats and desks from becoming a risk for the subsequent user due to virus-carrying droplets (through sneezing, coughing). Even though you have the possibility to clean your seat with the disinfectant we provide, this becomes superfluous if you protect the seat from getting contaminated in the first place.

We ask for your understanding with regard to the introduction of this mask mandate during courses, which will be valid from November 2, 2020 and until further notice.

Yours sincerely,

Oliver Günther