



New Containment Ordinance – Uni-list-e-mail from Prof. Andreas Musil, 15 December 2020

Dear Sir or Madam, dear students, dear colleagues,

we had already wished you happy holidays in our last e-mail, but things are happening very fast so that we must once again contact you before the academic Christmas break after all.

Following the publication of the new [containment ordinance](#), there will be significant consequences for the University of Potsdam. With the latest developments regarding the number of infections, the responsible thing for us to do is to suspend on-site teaching until at least January 10. Wherever possible, we should switch to online teaching. **Practical courses** can continue with a maximum number of five students per room. It is also still possible to prepare and conduct on-site **examinations** provided that the established framework conditions are adhered to.

Another meeting between the Minister-Presidents and Chancellor Merkel is scheduled for the first week of January. After that, we plan to immediately inform you about the course of action we will take leading up to the end of the instructional period.

The **University Library** will remain open with all its services available until and including December 18. Between December 21 and, presumably, January 3, all areas with workstations will not be available. It will still be possible to borrow and return media and make copies or scans on December 21 and 22. As of December 23, the University Library will remain closed. You will soon find more information on the library services to be offered as of January 4 on this website: <https://www.ub.uni-potsdam.de/en/user-service/current-library-services>

Last week, the University of Potsdam already responded to the potential problem of printing **final theses**. They can once again be handed in digitally – either as an attachment or via box.up to pruefungsamt@uni-potsdam.de. In addition, deadlines for final theses will all be extended by one month if the original deadline was on December 15, 2020 or later.

You can find these changes and more updates on the [FAQ pages](#).

I would now like to wish you all the best for the days to come.

Sincerely,

Prof. Dr. Andreas Musil
Vice President for Teaching and Studies