Dear Sir or Madam, dear students, dear colleagues,

The State Commissioner for Data Protection has informed us that contact tracing may NOT be carried out at institutions of higher education based on the Third Ordinance on the Handling of SARS-CoV-2 (3. SARS-CoV-2-UmgV). I would therefore ask you to please stop collecting contact data of participants in university courses and examinations. This also applies to introductory events. The provision will be applicable for the time being, at least until October 13, 2021. Should there be any changes after that date, we will inform you immediately.

The obligation to carry a certificate of your negative test result with you when attending university courses (including examinations and introductory events), which has been in force since mid-August 2021, will continue to apply. Alternatively, proof of vaccination or recovery may be presented instead. In the next few days, we will post notices in the lecture halls and seminar rooms to remind everyone that by entering a room, they are confirming that they are carrying such documentation. GGG status checks (“geimpft, genesen, getestet”, i.e. vaccinated, recovered, tested) are to be expected at any time, but teaching staff members are not under obligation to carry out such checks.

I am pleased to inform you that we are once again offering two vaccination days at the University of Potsdam at the beginning of the winter semester in cooperation with the state capital Potsdam:

**Tuesday, October 5, 2021, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at the Golm campus**
**Foyer, Building 29**
**Vaccine:** BioNTech and Johnson & Johnson

and

**Wednesday, October 6, 2021, 10 a.m.–4 p.m. at Am Neuen Palais campus**
**University Outpatient Clinic** (Building 12, entrance opposite the rear exit of the dining hall)
**Vaccine:** BioNTech and Johnson & Johnson

Registration is not required. An additional campaign will likely be held from October 26–28, 2021 at the campuses of the University of Potsdam. It is also possible to get your second dose of the vaccine on these dates.

Sincerely,

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