

Dear university members,

I hope you are all doing well and have been able to find some relaxation and distance in the past weeks. Next Monday we will start university life again: initially, as announced, with a catch-up period for face-to-face lessons and exams that have not yet been able to take place.

As you could see from the news, Corona will unfortunately keep us concerned, even more than before after the vacation and travel season. The number of cases is increasing again. The Robert Koch Institute identifies new risk areas every day. The virus is still there - in Germany, in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern and also in Rostock. As you can read in the news, the return to face-to-face teaching in schools has already led to the first school closings.

Access to the university building with a completed health certificate

Regarding the current situation, we have restricted the access to our university building for external visitors in order to be able to better protect our university members (this does not include concert-goers at the public events that we have planned for the coming weeks). In addition, we have taken the schools in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania as an example, which require a health confirmation in the form of a self-declaration. From Monday, August 17th, entry into our university building will therefore only be possible with a signed health confirmation form. Please fill out the attached form and show it at the entrance gate when you enter the building.

With this form you confirm,

- that you are free from any symptoms,
- that you are not in quarantine,
- that you have not been in any risk area in the past 14 days or
- that you have complied with the quarantine or test obligation after returning from a risk area.

You can also download the form on our university [website](#) and if necessary, printed copies are also available at the entrance to fill out.

Mouth and nose protection, rules of distance

If you are in the building, the well-known rules of infection protection continue to apply. Wearing mouth and nose protection is just as mandatory as observing the distance rules.

If you are unsure and have cold symptoms: please stay away from the university

Apart from the whole set of rules: If you are unsure about yourself and do not feel completely healthy, stay away from the university and please contact a doctor! In any case, it is better to cancel a lesson than to stick to the agreed dates at all costs out of a misunderstood sense of duty and thereby endanger yourself and others. At this point, please let us develop a new sense of responsibility together.

State marketing campaign

Here some good news: The state marketing is promoting the university locations in Mecklenburg-Vorpommern with a special campaign. In the meantime, our university has

its own poster, which in a nutshell well embodies what we stand for: "ZusammentrifftSpiel" is the central motto for our university. If you don't know the poster yet, you can get an idea [here](#).

Concerts and events

In the meantime, the forced break from public events has also come to an end. The Percussion Community Rostock could already be heard on July 18th with a "Night of Percussion" in the location of the Circus Fantasia. The YARO Summer School (including the YARO Pop Summer Camp) took place successfully at the university, and on August 25th we will start our event series "[hmt on air](#)" with a first live broadcast from the Katharinensaal. On the initiative of Matthias Kirschnereit, there is also another concert format in which members of the university can again be heard live: On August 19th, "[Möller's Piano Lounge](#)" starts in the rooms of the Möller piano house. Good luck to everyone involved!

I wish all of you a good start and I look forward to seeing you again at the university in the coming days and weeks

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