

Dear Members of the University Community,

The start of winter semester is just around the corner and we are still fine-tuning and fathoming out the general conditions for the provision of teaching that must comply with the legal regulations and take the protection of the health of all members of the university community into consideration. Unfortunately, we will still be unable to fulfil the justified desires to return to 'normal procedures' and hope our measures will be met with your understanding and cooperation.

The following rules shall apply as of 1 October:

- Music and acting classes shall take place in alternative on-site and digital formats so that members of teaching staff are only required to come to hmt every other week, teaching from their own homes on the weeks in between.
- Prior to the start of classes, every member of teaching staff must submit a list of the names of the students who are going to receive tuition and the respective tuition times to the Porter's Lodge. The list shall be stored there for 14 days.
- The classrooms must be aired for 15 minutes between classes. These ventilation periods can either be planned extra or take place informally.
- The normal practising conditions of two hours per student can be reinstated. The two-hour slots include the required airing of 15 minutes. The keys for all practice and tuition rooms can be obtained from the Porter's Lodge.
- The courtyard has been reopened subject to the strict observation of self-distancing regulations.
- The *Mensa* (Cafeteria) shall reopen subject to the conditions for restaurants, i.e. face masks must be worn until you have sat down at a table to eat. The *Mensa* is only open to members of the university community.
- Student performances in front of their classes (but not the general public) can take place once again in the Katharinensaal and the Chamber Music Hall. Registration takes place via the respective heads of department.
- Members of the university community participating in larger projects, which have to be registered with the university governance (e.g. orchestra - and choir projects, acting classes), shall be able to have free coronavirus tests (always prior to the start of the project and then again during the project), provided by the company Centogene. The tests should be taken as near to the start of the project as possible. Centogene has set Mondays and Thursdays as the days on which the tests can be taken.
Please do not forget to register in advance here:
<https://www.centogene.com/covid-19/test-centers/rostock-test-center.html> Click on register now and log in, or, if you have not already done so, you will be asked to register. Once you have logged in - click on your name and under test details on Download Person ID-Code. Then take this ID-Code to the Centogene test centre and declare you belong to hmt on arrival.
If the project lasts longer than a week you will be tested again after one week; several tests within one week are not reliable.
When registering a project, it is possible to discuss the application of these general

provisions for the individual circumstances with Pro-Rector Prof. Mark Letzig.
The details for larger groups (>20) must be agreed with Prof. Letzig.

Otherwise, the general regulations pursuant to the Protection against Infection Act and the previous hygiene measures continue to apply unless they have been updated by new regulations.
We all hope hmt we will remain free of COVID-19 this semester and we will regularly keep you updated about any changes.

Best regards and best wishes for a successful start to winter semester,

Prof. Dr. Reinhard Schäfertöns
Rector