Dear Sir or Madam, dear Colleagues,

In the last couple of days, the President’s Office has received an increasing number of inquiries regarding the possible spread of the coronavirus in Germany. For this reason, we would like to inform you about the current measures taken at the University of Mannheim.

With its approach, the President’s Office follows the recommendations of the Federal Ministry of Health (Bundesgesundheitsministerium) and the Land of Baden-Württemberg. The occupational medical service also provides additional advice and recommendations.

According to the experts’ careful assessment, it is currently still sufficient for all employees and students of the university to keep to basic hygiene measures. The Federal Center for Health Education (Bundeszentralk für gesundheitliche Aufklärung) recommends paying attention to proper hand hygiene and cough and sneeze etiquette, and to keep your distance from sick persons (1-2 meters). General recommendations for infection prevention can also be found online at https://www.infektionsschutz.de/hygienetipps/.

On the home page and in the news section of the university's website, you will also find the latest travel information and general recommendations. Information on the website is constantly updated and contains links to the relevant federal and state institutions and to the expert opinions of the Robert Koch Institute in Berlin. For business trips to China, please see the additional travel information on the website of Division V: http://dezv.uni-mannheim.de/aktuelles/.

At present, the President’s Office sees no reason for additional measures, but is monitoring developments very closely. Should the situation change and further measures become necessary, we will inform you immediately.

Sincerely,

signed
Barbara Windscheid
Executive Vice President