Dear Students, dear Staff Members,

The local health authority, the Gesundheitsamt Mannheim, has informed us of another confirmed case of the coronavirus in Mannheim. The number of confirmed cases has now risen to five.

The patient is a 35-year-old student of the University of Mannheim who was in contact with one of the other four confirmed patients. Since Wednesday, she has been in quarantine at home after she was identified as a close contact person of the previously confirmed patient. The Gesundheitsamt is currently identifying further contacts, reaching out to them and guiding them during their self-quarantine.

The Gesundheitsamt Mannheim has, together with the respective authorities of the Land of Baden-Württemberg, carefully assessed the situation and the risks and has ordered self-quarantine for the few individuals who were in direct, prolonged contact with the patient. The people concerned have been informed and were contacted directly by the Gesundheitsamt. Please respect that we cannot reveal the identities of the affected persons.

For all other students and members of the university, there is no increased risk of an infection. The experts’ assessment is still that there is no need to take any further measures or to even shut down the university.

We will inform you via e-mail in case the situation changes considerably and if further measures should become necessary. For other updates regarding the latest developments and for current recommendations, please go to our website www.uni-mannheim.de/en/corona.

Sincerely,

Barbara Windscheid
Executive Vice President