Monday, 16 March 2020, 8 p.m.

Dear Students, dear Colleagues, dear Staff Members,

Today, on 16 March 2020, the Land of Baden-Württemberg issued a new decree ordering new measures to protect the population from infections and prevent the further spread of the coronavirus. This decree also requires the University of Mannheim to readjust the measures previously put in place. For this reason, the following additional measures will take effect as of Tuesday, 17 March 2020:

1. All on-campus examinations, including oral examinations, are canceled until the end of 19 April. Only oral examinations already agreed upon can take place until Friday, 20 March, provided they are held via Skype or another form of video conference and all those taking part in the examination agree.

2. In order to protect the employees who cannot work in home office and have to continue to come to work, the university will restrict access to all university buildings starting from Wednesday, 18 March 2020. Accessing the buildings will then only be possible for authorized employees whose ecUM has been activated for the respective buildings. Employees who do not yet have access and who are required to enter these buildings in order to carry out their work must submit a request via the institution or chair responsible for them. In the present exceptional situation, the request can be sent by the employee’s superior in a personal e-mail to “task-force@uni-mannheim.de” until 19 April.

The possibility to borrow items from the University Library for the last time on Tuesday, 17 March, remains unaffected by the new measures. For more details, please refer to the website of the University Library: www.bib.uni-mannheim.de.

The other measures taken by the university up to 15 March 2020 (as at 9:30 a.m.) remain in force. We will continue to keep you up-to-date on the latest developments, particularly via our website: www.uni-mannheim.de/corona. We are working hard on finding solutions in due time, especially for teaching operations and examinations.

In light of our social responsibility and present concern for us and our fellow citizens, we must now act without hesitation – both individually and collectively. We are convinced that we will overcome these current challenges with the help of the measures taken by standing together as a university community and society.

Kind regards - and please stay healthy!

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