

Press Release

TU9 Universities active against the spread of the coronavirus (SARS-CoV-2)

TU9 Universities call for consistent and coordinated action

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In view of the overall situation created by the SARS-CoV-2 (coronavirus), TU9 Universities are aware of their special social responsibility as research institutions, teaching institutions and employers. It is their highest priority to act quickly and with foresight in order to contain the spread of the virus and gain time.

TU9 Universities follow the recommendations of the Robert Koch Institute, the Federal Ministry of Health and the respective federal states in close coordination with the Health Office and local and regional crisis teams.

The university leaderships of all TU9 Universities have set up crisis teams to define measures, coordinate their implementation and optimize internal communication. Standard university operations, i.e. research and administration, will be maintained until further notice. Major events have been and will be consistently cancelled, as well as all business trips that are not indispensable.

The start of the semester has already been postponed at several TU9 Universities to the end of April. Currently, alternative concepts are being developed at all TU9 Universities and digital formats are being organized as a replacement for face-to-face courses in order to maintain teaching activities.

TU9 President Prof. Wolfram Ressel: "In the current situation, universities are not only facing immense organizational challenges, but of course also bear a special social responsibility. We claim to set a good example by acting prudently and consistently and by pursuing a good communication policy, thus making a significant direct and indirect contribution to containing SARS-CoV-2. TU9 urgently advises the federal states to adopt a uniform approach throughout Germany in order to be able to implement measures as efficiently as possible throughout the country."

All TU9 Universities continuously inform about current developments on this topic on their websites:

RWTH Aachen University:

<https://www.rwth-aachen.de/cms/root/Die-RWTH/Aktuell/Pressemitteilungen/Maerz-2020/~fukua/Infektionen-mit-Coronavirus/?lidx=1>

Technische Universität Berlin:

https://www.pressestelle.tu-berlin.de/menue/tub_medien/newsportal/innenansichten/2020/coronavirus_2019_ncov/parameter/en/

Technische Universität Braunschweig:

<https://magazin.tu-braunschweig.de/en/m-post/36092/>

Technical University of Darmstadt:

www.tu-darmstadt.de/coronavirus-info-en

Technische Universität Dresden:

<https://tu-dresden.de/corona>

Karlsruhe Institute of Technology:

<http://www.kit.edu/english/index.php>



Leibniz University Hannover:

<https://www.uni-hannover.de/en/universitaet/aktuelles/corona/>

University of Stuttgart:

<https://www.uni-stuttgart.de/en/university/news/corona/>

Technical University of Munich:

<https://www.tum.de/en/about-tum/news/coronavirus/>

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Tradition, excellence, and innovation are the hallmarks of TU9 Universities. Founded during the Industrial Age, they contributed decisively to technological progress back then and continue to do so today. They enjoy an outstanding reputation around the world as renowned research and teaching institutions that promote the transfer of knowledge and technology between universities and practice. As such, they train exceptional young academics for careers in science, business, and administration and assume social responsibility. TU9 Universities foster top-class international networks and diverse cooperation with industry, making them a key element of Germany's position as a location of science and innovation.