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Information for parents / guardians about Covid 19 - Corona

Dear parents and guardians of the Hermann School,

the new school year is in the starting blocks and today we have received a detailed action plan for dealing with Covid 19 (Corona virus) from our new Minister of Education, Mrs. Feller.

On this occasion, I am already reporting before the start of the school year with the most important information on **the subject of hygiene and protective measures.**

1. protective measures at school

As you already know from the past months, we will use protective measures within the classroom such as regular hand washing, spacing and shock ventilation. Likewise, there is a ventilation unit in each classroom / support room / auditorium, etc., which is turned on during the morning of class so that the air is purified - in addition to the normal shock ventilation.

2. recommendation to wear a mouth-nose-covering (mask)

It is recommended that all students and school staff wear a mouth-nose mask. This is for their own protection, but also for the protection of others to prevent the spread of the pandemic.

I expressly point out that this is a recommendation to wear appropriate mouth-nose protection inside the school building.

3. testing

All students will be given the opportunity to be tested at school with an antigen self-test on their first day of school after summer vacation, Wednesday, August 10, 2022. Furthermore, all students at Hermann School will receive a total of 5 antigen self-tests on this day to take home and use as needed. This means that if your child has corona-related symptoms at home, such as cough, fever, cold, etc., or if a household member is infected with corona, you can test your child at home.

As a general rule, the Department anticipates that there may be a monthly need for a maximum of 5 tests per child. Therefore, your child will receive a test supply of 5 rapid antigen tests for one month.

4. how to deal with positive test results

In the current pandemic situation, infected persons with a positive test result are required to isolate and quarantine themselves immediately.

Preventive quarantine measures are not required for contacts who have not yet tested positive. This means that direct contacts will continue to attend classes as long as their test result is negative, e.g. if the person sitting next to them tests positive but your child tests negative. If the first positive test result is based on an antigen self-test, there is always an obligation to undergo a rapid corona test (citizen test) or a PCR test.

In case of a positive corona rapid test (citizen test) or a positive PCR test, there is an obligation to go immediately and directly to isolation. This isolation can be lifted by a "free test" after 5 days at the earliest with a citizen test - a self-performed rapid antigen test is not sufficient for this!

Without a successful "free test" the isolation lasts basically 10 days.

If you need further information, you can reach us on weekday mornings by phone (0251-77 67 32) or by mail (hermannschule@stadt-muenster.de).

You can also find further information on the website of the Ministry of Education

<https://www.schulministerium.nrw/aktuelles-zum-schulbetrieb-und-corona>

I wish all parents, guardians and children a good start after the summer vacations and until then a wonderful vacation season,

with best regards from the school



Judith Lüttikhuis
- Principal -