Decree of general ruling on the prohibition and restriction of contacts in certain public areas
Decree by the state government to further curb the spread of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2.
(translation provided by Kiel University; the original, German-language decree of the Ministry is binding)

In accordance with Section 3 (2) clause 2 of the Public Healthcare Services Act (Gesundheitsdienst-Gesetz, GDG) of 14 December 2001, as last amended on 2 May 2018, the following instruction is hereby issued:

By general ruling in terms of Section 28 (1) of the Infection Protection Act (IfSG), based on the draft text provided (APPENDIX), the following measures must be implemented:

1) For travellers returning from risk areas and particularly affected areas, entry to the following institutions must be prohibited for a period of 14 days from the date of return:
   a) communal institutions (kindergartens and day nurseries, child daycare facilities which require state approval, schools and homes which primarily cater for minors), as well as institutions operating in terms of Section 45 SGB VIII (stationary childcare institutions);
   b) hospitals, preventive care and rehabilitation institutions in which medical care comparable to hospitals is provided, dialysis facilities, day clinics;
   c) inpatient facilities for nursing and integration support in terms of the Support for Self-determination Act (Selbstbestimmungsstärkungsgesetz, SbStG)
   d) vocational schools
   e) universities
   f) all public institutions

For all other travellers returning from alpine ski resorts, those affected should be strongly advised to act in the same manner.

2) – 7) […]

8) All public events are to be prohibited.

This also includes, in principle, prohibition of open-air gatherings such as demonstrations, which may only be authorised on an individual basis after due consideration of the proportionality.

It excludes events which serve to maintain public order and public safety, meet existential needs, or supply the population (e.g. weekly markets).

9) The following institutions and offers must be closed and/or suspend operations:
   a) all bars, clubs, discos, theatres, cinemas and museums, regardless of their sponsorship or ownership;
   b) all fitness centres, swimming pools and so-called "water parks", saunas;
   c) all offers at community colleges, music schools, and other public and private educational institutions,
   d) meetings in sports clubs, other sports and leisure facilities, as well as gambling halls,
   e) prostitution businesses.

10) -11) […]

12) Universities

The provision of courses (attendance events such as lectures, seminars and similar events) must be prohibited at all state universities and state-approved universities in terms of Section 1 of the Higher Education Act (HSG). The cafeterias and university libraries must be closed.
Wherever it is possible and reasonable, examinations should be postponed. If this cannot be implemented due to compelling reasons (e.g. state examinations), it must be ensured that sufficient
distance can be maintained between the examination participants. Examinations which cannot be carried out in accordance with this strict standard must be postponed until an appropriate time.

The restrictions do not apply to research activities, general administrative activities or other activities that are not directly related to holding lectures.

This decree applies until 19 April 2020.

The general ruling in terms of Section 28 (1) IfSG must be limited until 19 April 2020.