

Decree on the prohibition of public events at universities as well as state theatres and opera houses, in accordance with Section 28 of the Infection Protection Act (IfSG)

Dear Sir or Madam,

In the context of the dynamic development of COVID-19 infections, wide-ranging contact-reducing measures must be taken to restrict the high transmission rate as far as possible. Due to the predominant transmission mechanism (droplet infection), human-to-human transmission is easily possible, e.g. by coughing or sneezing, even from mildly ill or asymptotically infected people.

Public gatherings in places such as state theatres, opera houses and museums, as well as in lectures offered by the universities and universities of applied sciences can promote the rapid spread of the virus. Therefore, contact-reducing measures include cancelling, postponing or reorganising lectures or public events at state or municipal theatres, opera houses and museums based on Section 28 IfSG.

In accordance with Section 3 (2) clause 2 GDG, I hereby decree the following provisions.

1. All public events in state theatres, opera houses and museums are prohibited.
2. The provision of lectures (attendance courses) at all state universities and state-approved universities in the state [as well as private universities] is prohibited in terms of Section 1 of the Higher Education Act (HSG). The universities may decide to hold examinations on a case-by-case basis. In this regard, the universities must adopt contact-reducing measures as far as possible, in consultation with the health authorities.

The decree does not apply to administrative activities, research activities or other activities that are not directly related to holding lectures.

With regard to the cafeterias, the health authorities are authorised to take any necessary contact-reducing measures.

These prohibitions must be enacted by the districts and self-governing cities, as measures by the responsible authorities in accordance with Section 28 (1) clause 2 IfSG.

Reason

Gatherings may contribute to promoting the rapid spread of the virus. Therefore, contact-reducing measures include cancelling, postponing or reorganising larger gatherings and events.

Events at theatres, opera houses and museums regularly attract a large number of people, who are in close contact with each other in a closed environment for a lengthy period.

University students have a significantly higher propensity for international travel than the general population. Here too, extensive contacts in a confined space are to be expected, especially at events attended in person. The universities retain the right to provide alternative offers, such as online lectures and similar forms of teaching.

With the prohibition of attendance events, the decree of 10 March 2020 on holding regular events at universities is hereby amended.

This decree applies until 19 April 2020.

Original decree in German:

www.uni-kiel.de/de/detailansicht/news/076-corona-erlass

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