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To the members
of the University of Duisburg-Essen

– by e-mail –

Der Rektor

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Current situation (COVID-19)

Dear members of UDE,

Dear colleagues,

Dear students,

Hardly anyone could have imagined the current developments and their intensity in our country, Europe and the entire world. In the face of the COVID-19 pandemic and the explicit assessment of medical experts, we are all requested to avoid social contacts wherever possible in order to at least slow down the spread of the virus. At present, it is impossible to predict for how long we will have to adapt to these circumstances.

The University Board is aware of its responsibility for the well-being of the university members and to society and, therefore, consistently implements regulations from the relevant authorities, with which we are in regular contact. Against this backdrop, we would like to urge you to continue to regularly consult the <https://www.uni-due.de/de/covid-19/index-en.php> web page, which we will update continuously, for current developments and their impact on UDE. Unfortunately, we will not be able to communicate every new development to students and staff via e-mail in view of the dynamic evolution of the situation.

It is already apparent that academic operations at our university as well as at other universities in North Rhine-Westphalia and Germany current-

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ly are and will continue to be significantly restricted. The necessary precautions result in a situation where, in many areas, only essential services can be maintained. At the same time, new questions and challenges that require prompt solutions and decisions arise constantly in all areas of our university. Please help us meet this huge challenge to all of us. In order to protect staff and students and to ensure that essential work processes that are required even during minimum operations can be upheld, line managers in particular are requested to do their part in acting in a responsible and coordinated way.

Please rest assured that the University Board and university administration will cooperate with the faculties and other units and do everything they can to find viable solutions, prevent unnecessary hardship and tackle this difficult situation appropriately and prudently. We would like to thank everyone who supports us through their responsibility, commitment, flexibility and understanding.

Kind regards,



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