

Central International Office
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Information on how to deal with the corona virus

Due to the current developments, we receive repeated inquiries regarding the handling of the corona virus. There is now a first confirmed case of infection in Baden-Württemberg. The patient is a 25-year-old man from the Göppingen district who was probably infected during a trip to Milan in Italy. The person became ill with flu-like symptoms after his return and then contacted the local health department.

On February 6, 2020, the DHBW Präsidium published a press release with information on how to deal with the new corona virus (in German):

<https://www.dhbw.de/die-dhbw/aktuelles/detail/2020/2/neuartiges-coronavirus.html>

So far, there are no entry bans or restrictions on the part of the federal or state government. Therefore, there are currently no restrictions for incoming students at the DHBW. There are also no specific requirements for everyday student life or the course of study.

On the part of the university management, the current developments are closely monitored and, if necessary, recommendations are adapted and communicated.

As a general rule:

Well-known hygiene measures such as frequent, thorough washing of hands are an important prevention. Appropriate general information for the students - without reference to certain groups of people - can be helpful and raise awareness.

The Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration Baden-Württemberg published a press release on February 25, 2020 for the behavior of those affected in suspected cases, from which prudent behavior for prevention can also be derived:

Baden-Wuerttemberg's Minister of Health Manne Lucha advises returning travelers from high-risk areas to follow the recommendations of the Robert Koch Institute: People who have a fever, cough or feel shortness of breath within 14 days after returning from areas where COVID-19 cases occur after their return, should:

- *avoid unnecessary contacts,*
- *stay at home if possible,*
- *when coughing and sneezing, keep your distance from other people or sneeze or cough in the crook of the arm,*
- *if possible, use only a handkerchief that is immediately disposed of,*
- *wash hands regularly with soap and water,*
- *avoid touching the nose, eyes and mouth,*
- *after registering by telephone with a reference to the travel region, see a doctor.*

Source:

Press release from the Ministry of Social Affairs and Integration Baden-Württemberg dated February 25, 2020 (in German).

<https://sozialministerium.baden-wuerttemberg.de/de/service/presse/pressemitteilung/pid/erste-bestaetigte-infektion-mit-dem-coronavirus-in-baden-wuerttemberg/>

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