

Dear employees and members of the Otto-von-Guericke University,

At OVGU, internationality is lived and we are proud of it.

However, the new coronavirus (2019-nCoV), which is now also occurring in increasing numbers outside the area of origin, requires special attention from all OVGU members. We would like to give you some advice and recommendations on how to deal with what we consider to be an increased risk of infection.

If you are planning a trip to the PR China in the near future:

Postpone that trip to a later date. Wait until the current extremely rapidly rising wave of infection is over or until more reliable information on the risks is available. Business trips will no longer be approved for the time being. If costs arise from a canceled trip that cannot be avoided, they will be reimbursed in the travel expense report.

Get information on the constantly updated pages of the Robert Koch Institute-RKI (German) or the World Health Organization-WHO (English) on all questions concerning the new virus.

RKI: https://www.rki.de/SharedDocs/FAQ/NCOV2019/FAQ_Liste.html

WHO: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019/travel-advice>

If you recently returned from the PRC:

Observe your state of health and avoid close contact with other people for up to 2 weeks. Pay particular attention to the general rules of hygiene to avoid infectious diseases:

<https://www.infektionsschutz.de/hygienetipps/> - in German

If you are planning a meeting/conference with participants from China, you should consider the possibility of postponing it.

If you are working with employees, students or other persons who are likely to be infected, please also pay special attention to the information on infection prevention. If you are missing something in this context (e.g. hand disinfectant, mouth guard), please contact Mrs. Niebuhr from the department of occupational safety and environmental protection K 43 43 (phone 0391-67-56079, E-Mail katrin.niebuhr@ovgu.de).

What should affected people who are worried about being infected with the corona virus do?

If you develop flu-like symptoms or even diarrhea, do not go directly to a doctor's surgery, but first register by telephone and then follow the advice of the medical staff.

In addition, the university hospital has launched a hotline today. Under the telephone number 0391 67 17799 you will receive an individual initial consultation and further information in German and English. This hotline is intended for people who suffer from symptoms typical of corona flu, not for general advice.

If you have any further questions, please contact Ms Niebuhr, K 43, or Ms Springer, Health Management (phone 0391 67 58825, E-Mail silke.springer@ovgu.de).

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