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**Circular No. 24/2022**

**END OF REQUIREMENT TO WORK FROM HOME / CORONAVIRUS  
MEASURES ON-SITE / 3G (TESTING, VACCINATION, RECOVERY  
STATUS) AT THE WORKPLACE**

Dear Sir or Madam,

Following an amendment to the Infection Protection Act (Infektionsschutzgesetz), the requirement to work from home will end on March 20, 2022. Thus, working from home is no longer mandatory, making it possible to return to working on-site.

Today we would like to inform you how the University will handle these regulatory changes: From the current perspective, summer semester 2022 will be an on-site semester. That also means a return to working on-site will be required.

**Since the coronavirus is still very active, it is explicitly recommended that employees continue to be allowed to work from home without special permission being necessary, provided operational procedures and the requirements for holding on-site courses allow for this. This provision applies for the time being until April 30, 2022.**

With respect to holding courses on-site, an agreement with a supervisor is mandatory in this regard.

In the interest of infection prevention, personal contact should also still be minimized while working. We therefore recommend the following protective measures when working on site:

- If operational procedures permit, fixed teams in which employees work together can continue to be formed in organizational units

- Single occupancy will continue for offices
- Meetings will continue to be primarily held virtually

Previous hygiene measures must continue to be implemented. These include in particular:

- Airing of rooms
- Maintaining physical distance or using technical separation (acrylic glass pane or similar)
- Use of masks when moving around in rooms, hallways, etc.

Even if **wearing masks** (medical mask or FFP2) ) is **no longer required** at the workplace when a distance of at least 1.5 meters can be safely maintained or separation is provided by an acrylic glass pane, **wearing masks is still strongly recommended**.

Special coronavirus measures could be necessary and implemented based on a specific risk assessment. Please contact the [Occupational Safety and Environmental Protection Unit](#) if you have any questions.

Due to the amendment of the Infection Protection Act, proof of immune status or a negative covid test is no longer required to enter premises. **As a result, identifying and documenting 3G status (status in terms of testing, vaccination or recovery from the coronavirus) at the workplace is no longer required starting March 20, 2022.**

These provisions could be tightened by the state if the City of Bonn or NRW find that they are a coronavirus hot spot and a new Coronavirus Protection Ordinance is issued.

We would also like to note that medical masks or FFP2 masks will continue to be made available in the usual way to employees working on site. Employees working on site will also continue to be offered one self-testing kit per week in accordance with the current Corona Occupational Health and Safety Ordinance (Corona-Arbeitsschutzverordnung).

You can find further information in the coronavirus-related sections of the University website as usual.

Sincerely,

signed Professor Dr. Dr. h. c. Michael Hoch  
Rector

signed Holger Gottschalk  
Provost