



Pandemic: Restrictions in university administration

Dear employees,

Due to the current Omikron variant of the coronavirus, infection and quarantine numbers are increasing nationwide. We at Humboldt-Universität must and would like to prepare ourselves for the consequences associated with an increasing number of sick leave notifications.

Depending on pandemic events, sick leave and the associated restrictions due to quarantine requirements, there may be a reduction in services in study, teaching, research and administration in the coming weeks.

In order to secure the core processes of university operations even as the pandemic progresses and the number of staff absences increases, the departments of the Central University Administration have agreed with the President's Office on a list of priority tasks to ensure, for example, the payment of salaries, the extension of employment contracts or even the security of the buildings.

We all look with concern at the current pandemic developments. Most of you have taken advantage of the opportunities to protect yourselves from a severe course of covid disease through vaccination. Nevertheless, the risk of contracting the disease remains. Therefore, I ask you to continue to be prudent and cautious for your own protection and the protection of your colleagues.

Our current rules offer a maximum of flexibility - be it the offer to work in a home office or even the possibility of staggered working hours. We ask all members of the HU for patience and forbearance and thank you for your solidarity.

As usual, you can find more information about the current measures taken by Humboldt-Universität to contain the pandemic at [hu.berlin/corona](https://hu-berlin.de/corona). The content will be updated on an ongoing basis.

With best regards

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