Ordinance of the Ministry of Science on Infection Protection Measures
Against the Spread of the SARS-CoV-2 Virus in the Ministry of Science's
Areas of Responsibility (Corona Ordinance for Studies and Art, "CoronaVerordnung Studienbetrieb und Kunst")¹

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On the basis of section 16, paragraph 2, phrase 1, nos. 1 to 3 of the Corona Ordinance of 23 June 2020 (Law Gazette page 483), amended by article 1 of the Ordinance of 28 July 2020 (Law Gazette page 661), the following is decreed in accordance with the Ministry of Social Affairs:

Section 1 Scope of application

This ordinance contains supplements and changes to the regulations in the Corona Ordinance for public universities, state-approved universities and academies in accordance with the Academy Act of 25 February 1992 (Law Gazette page 115), last amended by article 3 of the Act dated 13 March 2018 (Law Gazette pages 85, 94), universities and "Studierendenwerke" (student services organizations). Not covered are "Hochschule für Polizei Baden-Württemberg" and "Hochschule für Rechtspflege Schwetzingen". This ordinance also contains additional requirements for events in art and cultural institutions and cinemas with the exception of music schools, art schools and youth art schools.

Section 2

Distance rule

(1) Without prejudice to section 2, paragraph 2 of the Corona Ordinance, a distance of 1.5 meters to other persons must be observed in the following areas of the university:

¹ Non-official consolidated version following the coming into effect of the Ministry of Science's Ordinance on changes to the Corona Ordinance for Studies and Art of 18 October 2020 (by emergency promulgation pursuant to section 4 of the "Verkündungsgesetz" (Act on Promulgation)).

- 1. All rooms and areas where courses or examinations are held or other events in connection with admission,
- 2. All rooms and areas which students use for study outside of their regular courses,
- 3. All transit areas, especially doorways, entrance areas, passageways, corridors, staircases and sanitary facilities.
- (2) Exceptions to the minimum distance mentioned in section 2, paragraph 2 of the Corona Ordinance are possible at universities if suitable infection protection measures are in place, i.e. for groups with a maximum of 35 students. The composition of these groups must not alter and participants must not belong to other groups with different members. Exceptions as per phrase 1 have to be included in the hygiene policy according to section 5, paragraph 1 of the Corona Ordinance; the relevant Public Health Board must be notified.

Section 3

Mouth and nose cover

- (1) A mouth and nose cover must be worn according to section 3 of the Corona Ordinance in the following areas of the university:
- 1. All transit areas in rooms and areas according to section 2, paragraph 1, no. 2,
- 2. All areas of circulation according to section 2, paragraph 1, phrase 1, no. 3,
- All transit areas in rooms and areas where events outlined in section 10 of the Corona Ordinance take place, plus

- 4. When seated during lectures. This does not apply to Academies of Music and other academies according to the Academy Act where occupational health and safety regulations are outlined in the hygiene policies and depend on the instrument and type of performance.
- (2) During events at art and cultural institutions which are open to the public according to section 10, paragraph 6 of the Corona Ordinance, as well as in cinemas, a mouth and nose cover pursuant to section 3 of the Corona Ordinance must be worn in all transit areas and areas of circulation and in all spaces open to the public.
- (3) In canteens and cafeterias all staff dealing with customers must wear a mouth and nose cover pursuant to section 3 of the Corona Ordinance. Paragraph 1 also applies to any visitors.
- (4) Section 3, paragraph 2 of the Corona Ordinance shall apply in all cases mentioned in paragraphs 1 to 3.

Section 4

Data processing at universities in areas where studying and teaching takes place and at "Studierendenwerke" (student services organizations)

- (1) In areas where studying and teaching takes place, the universities are obliged to collect data in accordance with section 6 of the Corona Ordinance in the following cases:
- Courses according to section 10 of the Corona Ordinance, especially lectures, examinations and admissions events,
- Use of the library and other scientific facilities or other facilities at the
 university where studying and teaching takes place; the university may exempt
 the collecting of pre-ordered media and the returning of media from data
 collection pursuant to section 6 of the Corona Ordinance,

- Study, practice and work areas which are designated for use by the students for study purposes outside of the lectures and which need to be pre-booked.
 This also applies to libraries according to number 2,
- Gastronomy and food supply facilities and other such facilities with public access with the exception of those used exclusively for take-away food and drink.
- 5. Student administration offices and other administration or advice facilities where staff are dealing with the public.

In the case of a series of events, data collection according to section 6 of the Corona Ordinance needs to be carried out on each individual date. Outside of areas where studying and teaching takes place, sections 6 and 14 of the Corona Ordinance shall apply.

(2) In canteens, cafeterias and other such facilities with public access run by the "Studierendenwerke", data collection in accordance with section 6 of the Corona Ordinance need not be carried out if only take-away food and drink is served.

Section 5

Use of the university's premises, university sports, gastronomy and other facilities

Number of participants allowed in art and cultural institutions

- (1) University premises may only be used for the university's own purposes.
- (2) As regards the following activities:
- 1. University sports
- Gastronomy, including offering food and drink for immediate consumption at events at universities, art and cultural institutions and cinemas in accordance with section 10 of the Corona Ordinance

- 3. Running playschools and day nurseries
- 4. Operating guesthouses run by the universities or by "Studierendenwerk"
- 5. Operating any other facilities, especially shops

Whether and how operating the above is allowed depends on the regulations applying to these facilities and services as per the current Corona Ordinance and the acts passed pursuant to the Corona Ordinance.

- (3) The maximum number of people allowed according to section 10, paragraph 3 of the Corona Ordinance may be increased to up to 500 people at events in art and cultural institutions and in cinemas in the following cases:
- 1. Participants must have a designated seat for the entire duration of the event with a minimum distance of 1.5 meters in all directions unless section 2, paragraph 2 of the Corona Ordinance in conjunction with section 9, paragraph 2 allows for alternative arrangements. As an exception to this rule up to four participants may sit together without distancing if their tickets have been booked with the same invoice address or were ordered in the same digital shopping cart,
- 2. If participants wear a mouth and nose cover in all transit areas, areas of circulation and in all public spaces,
- 3. If the event follows a pre-set program and
- 4. If a hygiene policy has been submitted to the relevant authorities before the cinema commences operation or the event takes place.

Section 5a

Rights of the occupier

Within the scope of their rights as occupiers, the facilities affected by this Ordinance can adopt additional measures while observing the general infection prevention regulations of the relevant authorities.

Section 5b

Canteens and cafeterias

Groups may only be admitted to canteens or cafeterias if they have pre-booked and there are no more than the maximum amount of people allowed in section 9 of the Corona Ordinance.

Section 6

Regulatory Offenses

Within the meaning of section 73, paragraph 1a, no. 24 of the IfSG (Infection Protection Act) of 20 July 2000 (Federal Law Gazette I, page 1045) last amended by article 1 of the Act of 19 June 2020 (Federal Law Gazette I, page 1385, 1386) a regulatory offense is committed by anyone who deliberately or negligently does not wear a mouth and nose cover contrary to section 3.

Section 7

Entry into force/expiry

- (1) This Ordinance shall come into effect on the day following promulgation.
- (2) This Ordinance will expire on the day after the Corona Ordinance dated 23 June 2020 (Law Gazette page 483), amended by section 1 of the Ordinance dated 28 July 2020 (Law Gazette page 661), expires in its currently valid version.

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