Immediate Measures of the Universities of Baden-Württemberg to Contain the Coronavirus
Anticipatory resolution of the State Rectors’ Conference
Entry into force on 13 March 2020

1. The beginning of the lecture period of the spring semester 2020 at the universities of Baden-Württemberg will be postponed until 20 April 2020. If a university has already started its lecture period, it is to be suspended until this date. Until then, the universities are urgently working on reducing the risks for students, teaching personnel and other staff members as far as possible by developing digital teaching concepts and further measures. The universities will communicate details individually at short notice.

2. On-campus classes that already started before the lecture period will be canceled or, if possible, continued in an IT-supported form that does not require personal attendance. This applies to classes for students such as preparatory courses and introductory courses as well as to other types of courses such as training for teaching personnel and staff members and the sports programs of the universities. The aim is to ensure that students will not be restricted in pursuing their studies successfully due to these measures. Compulsory internships that take place outside of the university, such as industrial internships, may be continued, but the continuation of the internship is up to the respective employer.

3. In spite of the late start of the lecture period, the universities and their libraries remain open until further notice. Institutions responsible for infrastructure and other units remain operational. Studying, research and teaching activities are to be continued as far as possible in order to avoid hardships for the persons affected. The individual institutions will adopt more specific regulations.

4. Visitors are asked to enter buildings of the universities only if there are important reasons to do so. Museums, collections and similar institutions are closed to the public until further notice.

5. As it is in the interest of the students, the universities will hold planned examinations under consideration of the current risks as far as possible. However, they will also try to find accommodating options for students to withdraw from examinations or to find alternative examination dates. Questions regarding programs with state examinations will be resolved in close consultation with the Ministry of Science, Research and the Arts and the respective examination authorities (Landesprüfungsämter).

6. Conferences, congresses and other public events with participants from outside the university should be canceled during the suspension of teaching operations.

7. Business trips to COVID risk areas are not approved until further notice. Earlier approvals for business trips to risk areas are no longer valid. Teaching personnel, students and researchers who have returned to the universities from risk areas as defined by the Robert Koch Institute have to observe a two-week self-quarantine.
8. All members of the universities are asked to observe the recommendations of the Federal Centre for Health Education (BZgA) for educational institutions. ([https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/C/Coronavirus/Coronavirus_Handzettel_barrierefrei_ENG_barr.pdf](https://www.bundesgesundheitsministerium.de/fileadmin/Dateien/3_Downloads/C/Coronavirus/Coronavirus_Handzettel_barrierefrei_ENG_barr.pdf), in English).

9. The universities are continuously updating their measures and plans and will inform their members and the public comprehensively at short notice.

10. The Studierendenwerke and university hospitals will adopt individual measures and will communicate them individually at their respective locations.