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Burg Giebichenstein University of Art and Design Halle – General ruling for staying at all properties of the university

To whom it may concern,

the new virus SARS-CoV-2 has been causing diseases all over the world. It is our principal objective to contain and reduce the speed of its spread.

BURG does issue the following general ruling within the framework of our domestic authority and our duty of caring for all members of our university, applicants and all other persons.

1. Burg Giebichenstein University of Art and Design Halle members, university applicants and guests who stayed in regions at risk during the last 14 days (international regions at risk and specifically vulnerable regions in Germany) are not allowed to enter all properties of BURG for 14 days after having returned from those regions. Regions at risk are indicated according to the continuously updated determination of the Robert Koch Institute (RKI).

The continuously updated information by RKI are specified under following link:

https://www.rki.de/DE/Content/InfAZ/N/Neuartiges_Coronavirus/Risikogebiete.html

2. All members of Burg Giebichenstein University of Art and Design Halle, university applicants and guests who are aware of having been in contact with a person that has been proven to be infected by the disease caused by coronavirus during the last 14 days must not enter the properties of BURG for 14 days since the last contact to the infected person. The same does apply to suspected cases with pending test results.
3. This ruling comes into effect immediately.
4. We hereby order the direct implementation of the ruling.

Justification

Persons can be a transmitter of the coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 even though feeling healthy.

University life includes many contacts and not all of them can be captured in detail. This fact creates the danger that in case of a possible infection any relevant contact persons cannot be determined anymore. Therefore, in case of infection, it is not possible to trace the disease which is inevitable for its containment. Therefore, Burg Giebichenstein University of Art and Design Halle has an obligation to contribute to avoiding any first containment.

We have been assessing those mentioned reasons and considered the recommendations and findings of the RKI as deduced from the institute's "Amendment of the National Pandemic Plan - COVID-19 – novel coronavirus disease" on the one hand. On the other hand, we have considered the rights of the addressees of this general ruling, the fundamental rights of students and university applicants under article 12 GG (Basic Law for the Federal Republic of Germany) and of teachers under article 5 GG in particular. We have come to the decision that this general ruling is required in order to prevent the spread of the disease in the state of Saxony-Anhalt and at our university or at least to slow down its spread.

There is an increased danger of infection within the determined risk areas (those regions identified by RKI). Due to the increased probability we must assume that people who had been there could have been infected.

This general ruling comes directly and for an unlimited period into effect. If the situation changes, we will reconsider this ruling again and suspend it in due time.

We will enforce this ruling immediately. We justify this by reducing the danger to health and life of the people concerned and protecting the functioning of our healthcare system from overload. This does outbalance the interest of the addressees in the suspensive effect of a contradiction that would be given under other circumstances.

Yours faithfully,

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Chancellor