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## **Dealing with incoming students and lecturers**

### **Precautions to prevent the potential spread of COVID-19 virus**

Due to the current exceptional situation regarding the spread of COVID-19, as well as the restrictions on work and travel options and the more stringent travel instructions issued by the Federal Foreign Office, the DAAD has advised all universities and Universities of Applied Sciences in Germany to contact partners in an early stage to clarify how visits and exchanges can be implemented in the current situation without further aggravating the security situation.

**After consultation with the public health department we would like to point out that we take preventive measures recommended by the public health department for incoming students and lecturers.**

**For this purpose we will contact the incoming students directly to clarify the risk factors by asking the following questions:**

- Did you visit one of the risk areas in the last 14 days?
- Did you have contact with persons infected with the COVID-19 virus in the past 14 days?
- Do you show symptoms such as fever, malaise, dry cough or shortness of breath?

**If at least one of the risk factors is applicable, a 14-day quarantine will be ordered and participation in lectures and activities within this period is not allowed.**

**In addition, we would like to draw the attention of all students and lecturers to the following effective preventive measures** to avoid the spread of infectious diseases of the respiratory system:

- good hand hygiene,
- keep a distance of about 1 to 2 meters to sick persons
- observe symptoms such as fever, malaise, dry cough, shortness of breath up to respiratory distress and consult a doctor immediately if they occur.

**Due to the current wave of influenza, these measures are currently recommended everywhere and at any time.**

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