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3. Up-to-date information: precautions against Corona virus

Dear students and teachers,

Due to developments concerning the Corona virus and questions we have received from students, we would once again like to give you the most up-to-date information. If you have recently returned to Vienna from a country affected by the Corona virus, please strictly observe the **incubation period of at least 2 weeks** and do not attend the Konservatorium during this time period (**the authorities currently recommend 2 weeks, we however recommend 3 weeks**). Please don't worry about being able to complete the study year successfully. We will find individual solutions to ensure this.

IMPORTANT: In general, please don't come to the Konservatorium with flu or otherwise contagious illnesses out of consideration for your fellow students and teachers. Having a lesson whilst sick doesn't help to improve matters for yourself, your teachers or your colleagues. Many thanks in advance for strictly observing this rule.

According to MA15 (magistrate 15), a case of Corona virus is suspected when...
(Source: <https://www.aekwien.at> - here you will find the most up-to-date information for Vienna as of 5th March):

A: People have acute symptoms of a respiratory infection (sudden appearance of at least one of the following symptoms: coughing, fever, shortness-of-breath) with no other plausible explanation or cause for these symptoms

AND

have been in a region affected by the Corona virus within 14 days before the appearance of symptoms (currently China, Italy (regions: Piemonte, Emilia-Romagna, Lombardy and Venice), South Korea, Iran, Hongkong, Japan, Singapore)

Information up-to-date as of 5th March, please view:

<https://www.sozialministerium.at/Themen/Gesundheit/Uebertragbare-Krankheiten/Infektionskrankheiten-A-Z/Neuartiges-Coronavirus.html>

OR

B: People have any symptoms of an acute respiratory infection who have had contact with a COVID-19 or SARS-CoV case within the 14 days before the appearance of symptoms.

If you are unsure whether you count as a suspected case, please call the health advice line on 1450 for information on how to proceed (e.g. receiving a diagnosis), or call your house doctor.

Please also inform us immediately and urgently if you are suspected of having Corona virus or have been diagnosed with it.

Please also inform your flatmates in student halls of residence or flat shares, especially those who attend a university because they have longer holidays and are therefore more likely to have travelled to a region which has since been affected by the Corona virus (the holidays at universities such as the MDW usually last from 1st February till 1st March)

The few students who have returned to Vienna from Corona-affected areas must (continue to) strictly adhere to the rules concerning the incubation period of at least 2 weeks.

If you have travelled back to Vienna recently from one of the regions affected by the Corona virus (or have been in contact with someone who has recently travelled back to Vienna from one of these regions) and you begin to show symptoms, please take appropriate action.

Stay at home and call the health line 1450 or your house doctor for a diagnosis and further medical advice.

Further information about limiting the spread of the Corona virus from AGES and the Robert Koch institute:

- Hygiene measures, contact with other people:

<http://multimedia.gsb.bund.de/RKI/Flowcharts/covid19/>

- General information:

<https://www.sozialministerium.at/Themen/Gesundheit/Uebertragbare-Krankheiten/Infektionskrankheiten-A-Z/Neuartiges-Coronavirus.html>

https://www.rki.de/DE/Home/homepage_node.html

We wish you all good health.

Kind regards,

The Directors of Prayner Konservatorium