Corona pandemic – limited on-site operations (stage 3)

On 10 June 2020, the Board has decided the following regulations:

In stage 3, the University is re-opened with ongoing observance of the hygiene rules. Outside of teaching, staff will return to the University, provided that they are able to observe the hygiene rules. In teaching, online formats will be continued as much as possible. Exams as well as course elements that require physical presence and can be held in accordance with the hygiene rules, take place on campus.

The regulations below for limited on-site operations (stage 3) concretise the house rules of Ulm University of 25 November 2009 and override these where they contradict each other.

From 15 June 2020 onwards, the following regulations on occupational health and safety to prevent infections with the coronavirus apply at Ulm University:

1. A minimum distance of 1.5 m to other persons must be maintained throughout the entire University. If this is not possible, a protective mask covering mouth and nose (face mask) must be worn. Frequent hand hygiene as well as coughing and sneezing etiquette must be observed.

2. A face mask must be worn on all traffic routes throughout the university buildings.

3. Chances of physical contact in areas used by several people are to be reduced with measures of temporal spacing (scheduling staggered attendance slots alternated with home office) and additional protective measures (partitions, screens).

4. Any room up to 10m² may only be used by one person as an office workplace, in larger rooms one additional person is permitted for each additional 10m².

5. Tools and work equipment are to be used by one person only wherever possible.

6. Business trips outside the Schengen Area are prohibited. Those travelling are obliged to inform themselves about the current situation at their destination before starting their business trip and to act accordingly.

7. Persons who have tested positive for the coronavirus immediately inform the management of their institution to identify all persons they had contact with at the University. Persons who have had close contact with someone infected with corona must stay away from the University for 14 days. For staff who are indispensable for the continuation of urgent emergency mode operations and who cannot be replaced, an alternative decision may be made on an individual basis after clarification of the concrete risk of infection, where indicated with the involvement of the Occupational Medical Service.

8. Staff are offered preventive occupational medical consultations on health risks at the workplace due to the coronavirus. You can get individual advice from the Occupational Medical Service, also on special risks due to a precondition or individual disposition. These preventive consultations can also be provided by telephone.
9. Each institutional management is responsible for the implementation of and compliance with these regulations and also the regulations of the SARS-CoV-2 occupational health and safety standards of the Federal Ministry of Labour and Social Affairs (*Bundesministerium für Arbeit und Soziales*) for the persons working in their areas and the spaces allocated to them. For this purpose, they prepare risk assessments and instruct their staff accordingly.

10. Other occupational health and safety standards and regulations (not relating to coronavirus) remain unaffected and continue to apply.