Circular No. 22/2021
New Coronavirus Protection Ordinance as of 02/22/2021
Wearing of medical masks during on-site courses and examinations

Dear Sir or Madam,

This is to inform you about the latest amendments to the Coronavirus Protection Ordinance of North Rhine-Westphalia.

**Obligatory wearing of medical masks**

Effective immediately, participants in courses and examinations conducted on site must wear medical masks without exception. This includes surgical masks, FFP2 or (K)N95 masks and higher-grade masks.

Use of textile mouth and nose covers as accepted in the past is no longer permitted during on-site courses and examinations. The University will continue to provide surgical masks for on-site courses and examinations (cf. Circular 17/2021).

**Libraries**

The latest version of the Coronavirus Protection Ordinance now also allows contactless picking up and returning of library items via automated self-service.

**University Sports**

In University Sports, sports activities with one additional person from another household are now allowed on outdoor premises. For additional information, please refer to the University Sports website.

**Reporting of coronavirus-related absences**

The University is providing a reporting form for coronavirus-related absences for internal use that can be accessed in the coronavirus-related sections of the University website and on the web page of Human Resources.

For further information, please also refer to the coronavirus-related sections of the University website.
Sincerely,

signed Professor Dr. Dr. h. c. Michael Hoch
Rector

Holger Gottschalk
Provost