

## Corona Bulletin No. 28 | How We Proceed in January

Dear Hanns Eisler Community,

The Berlin State government has spoken: as of Monday individual instrumental and chamber music lessons can take place in person inside our buildings (see below No. 4). We are very happy with this decision and do ask you to read the points below carefully in order to work out your own schedule for the coming weeks.

The principle remains that all contacts must be reduced to a minimum. If you are not in Berlin, please do not embark on a journey back here if this is risky for you. If you are in Berlin, please only come to the HfM buildings when necessary and do not spend time inside the buildings if you have no compelling reason to do so.

All our regulations below are motivated by our primary considerations for **your health**, the health of our School community as a whole, and the health of your families and relatives. In short, this means that on-site and in-person teaching requires mutual agreement on both sides, from teachers and students alike. Some of you have duties to care for older, ill persons or those at risk - or you yourself may be at risk. Each and every one of us must decide for ourselves in these times of the pandemic how wide our own radius can be and which situations we can justify on a daily basis.

An important piece of information for you all: Berlin's Senate passed a law in December extending the individual "Regelstudienzeit" (number of semesters in which to complete a degree) in the winter semester of 2020/21. We have not yet received the text of this law. We will keep you informed as soon as we know more.

## Rules for In-Person Teaching starting on January 11, 2021

### 1. General Rules

Only those who are registered in our building administration programme Asimut are allowed access to our buildings. Registration cards must still be filled out. Within the School's buildings, the obligation to wear a facemask and to follow hygiene and ventilation rules continues to be in effect - including during lessons (unless wearing a facemask is impossible to reconcile with artistic work).

### 2. Individual Practice

Individual practice continues to be possible. Please refer to the handout "Studierenden-Info\_Üben im WiSe 2020/21" dated 20.11.2020 (eislerCloud/Corona-Maßnahmen - Üben und Unterrichten im WiSe 2020\_2021: <https://eislercloud.hfm-berlin.de/index.php/login>).

### 3. Chamber Music Rehearsals

Regular and officially listed chamber music ensembles may resume practising from January 11 onwards, as long as they have a permit to practice ("Übegenehmigung"). Explanations can be found in the handout „Studentisches Üben im WiSe 2020/21“ dated November 20, 2020 (eislerCloud/Corona-Maßnahmen - Üben und Unterrichten im WiSe 2020\_2021: <https://>

[eislercloud.hfm-berlin.de/index.php/login](https://eislercloud.hfm-berlin.de/index.php/login)). Please remain aware of the fact that the risk of infection increases when several people come together.

#### 4. Teaching

- **Individual artistic lessons** (incl. répétiteurs) are allowed once again from January 11, as long as they cannot take place adequately in a digital form. Please also refer to the handout for teachers: „Lehrenden-Info\_Unterrichten im WiSe 2020/21“ dated September 9, 2020 (eislerCloud/Corona-Maßnahmen - Üben und Unterrichten im WiSe 2020\_2021: <https://eislercloud.hfm-berlin.de/index.php/login>).
- **Chamber music lessons, theory lessons in small groups and project work** are possible if they cannot take place adequately in a digital form and as long as no more than 5 students plus a maximum of 2 teachers occupy a room / hall. Otherwise, the maximum occupancy numbers for individual rooms continue to be in effect.
- **Lessons for larger groups** can still only take place digitally from January 11 onwards.

#### 5. In-Person Exams

Essential exams may be held in-person and on site, following the existing rules on distancing, hygiene and ventilation. The number of persons present must be kept to a minimum: the candidate(s), necessary accompanying students/artists and the examination commission (max. three persons).

#### 6. Concerts and Events

Until January 31 (and possibly longer), no larger ensemble projects, group concerts, class concerts or internal events may take place. Please refer to the limitation of persons present in any room explained in Item 4.

#### 7. Guests

Guests continue to be excluded from the School buildings. EXCEPTIONS can be made only if external persons are essential for teaching or examinations.

#### 8. Recordings

Permission for recordings in larger rooms / halls may be granted if they are necessary for entrance exams, competitions or imminent auditions. Requests for dates for independent recordings not requiring recording engineers may be addressed to the SE VG: [ueben@hfm-berlin.de](mailto:ueben@hfm-berlin.de). Recordings with HfM recording engineers must still be authorised by the head of your department.

#### 9. Library

The library is open for School members starting on January 11 for borrowing. However, working on the library premises is still not possible.

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We wish all of you a healthy January and joy and fulfilment in carrying out your work at our School!

Sincerely yours,  
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