

## No. 33 | New restrictions for the beginning of the summer term

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Dear school members,

Yesterday we received the latest ordinance from the state of Berlin. The number of infections is rising sharply again in the city. The state of Berlin therefore expects the universities to play their part in containing the pandemic.

First to the corona tests: Yesterday, all of a sudden and without warning, the state passed on to the universities the task of implementing plans for the comprehensive use of tests to increase the safety of coming in person into the school buildings. The requirement is to offer two tests a week to all school members (teachers, students and administration).

That cannot be organized overnight.

Although we have already set up a test concept for the larger projects planned this term, expanding this to include several hundred additional people is a mammoth task that the crisis team is now facing. We have already a while ago applied to the State of Berlin for the number of tests necessary for our projects in the summer term; We have also placed our own orders, but all deliveries are still pending. Although all universities in Berlin are in the same boat, proportionally we need significantly more tests in the art universities, as we rely on physical presence at the core of our artistic training. The requirements are therefore all the more difficult for us: Among other things, from a group size of 6 people, everyone must to present a daily negative test.

Our summer semester must therefore begin with restrictions.

For us this means: **from Thursday, April 1st up to and including Sunday, April 11th**, only the following can take place in attendance in the university buildings:

- individual artistic lessons including an accompanist (up to 3 people in the room at the same time);
- individual practice;
- the larger projects already registered (e.g. Eisler Brass or music-theater-workshop);
- individual recordings already registered (up to 3 people in the room at the same time).

All other classes must be held online.

For the administrative staff mobile working continues to have priority. You have been informed in detail in a separate eMail.

We have promised that we will try to achieve the maximum possible within the tight corset of an ongoing emergency situation. Just as in 2020, we want to keep our school open for all of you as long as possible to enable you to teach, practise, rehearse and work on site. To do this, we depend on your active help: Test yourself regularly before you enter the school buildings and protect our community - teachers, students and administrative staff. You can register for a test quickly and easily on the website [www.test-to-go.berlin](http://www.test-to-go.berlin).

We appeal to our community asking for responsibility and solidarity!

Yours,

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