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Dear university community,

Summer is coming and it brings good news. This week the State of Berlin announced further openings due to falling numbers. The Corona situation is easing and the vaccination campaign is progressing. We too are now looking confidently towards the winter term.

Today we consulted intensively with the company doctor and the Kurt Singer Institute. More and more of you have been vaccinated at least once and are waiting for the second vaccination; some of you have been lucky enough to have received both vaccinations. We are happy to hear this. However, many of you, especially our students, have not yet received a vaccination date. We are working to make this possible over the course of the summer. Like the doctors' surgeries and vaccination centres we are dependent on the availability of the requested vaccine.

In the meantime, we need to keep our community safe. Medical research shows even those who have already been vaccinated can still spread the virus and infect those who have not been vaccinated. In my function as your Rektorin with the „Hausrecht“ rights incumbent to my position- and with broad support from my colleagues in the university management, the crisis team and the department heads conference - I have taken the decision today **to maintain compulsory testing until September 30, 2021.**

This means that for larger projects from 5 + 2 people a daily negative test is required to be shown by all those involved.

This also applies to those who have recovered from a Corona infection or those already vaccinated.

Only when the majority of our community - teachers, students and administrative staff - are fully vaccinated will we lift the obligation to test. The same applies to the mask requirement which continues to apply in all buildings of the university.

So far we have got through the pandemic with very few Corona cases and each and every one of you has contributed to keeping the university open to our community at all times. We want to continue on this path together.

Thank you for your solidarity and help!

Best regards,

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