

## No. 35 | A Glimpse of Hope!

Dear school community,

*In the wonderful month of May*, as Heinrich Heine once described this season and Robert Schumann set so unforgettably in his song cycle "Dichterliebe", we look forward into the future every Monday with our #zukunfteisler campaign.

And now there is also a glimmer of hope in the pandemic.

### 1. Vaccinations

In the Rectorate, we are in constant contact with politicians regarding vaccination options for our school community. A first milestone has now been achieved: as of immediate effect all **employees** of universities and Hochschulen are in priority category 3 in the vaccination regulation § 4 No. 8 and 9 ([https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/coronaimpfv\\_2021-04/\\_4.html](https://www.gesetze-im-internet.de/coronaimpfv_2021-04/_4.html)) and can therefore arrange a vaccination appointment in one of the vaccination centres or with your family doctor. You will need a certificate from the Hochschule: All employees in teaching and administration, including volunteers and student employees, can request this from the ServiceCenter staff under SCPersonal@hfm-berlin.de, in the case of our "Lehrbeauftragte" via the function email address of the respective department administration. The certificate is not required to arrange an appointment but you will need to show it at the vaccination appointment.

This sounds like very good news and indeed further deliveries of the vaccine to Berlin have been announced for the months of May and June. However, when you go online it is currently very difficult to get an appointment on any of the vaccination centres. That is why we remain active in our requests to the politicians to be provided with vaccines ourselves so that the school doctor can vaccinate you all more quickly. We have been informed that this could happen in the first half of June.

This is only a first step: now it is important to enable **vaccination for our students** very soon so that we can return to normal as soon as possible. To this end, we stay in contact with politicians, the pressure from all colleges and universities in Berlin is very great to be able to progress smoothly into the winter semester for the students through a faster vaccination rate. We will keep active on this!

### 2. Rules for vaccinated and recovered people

Lately there has been a lot of discussion in the media about so-called "privileges" for vaccinated and recovered people. In our school, the applicable hygiene, distance and test rules will remain in place for everyone for the time being. Only when we can assess and guarantee the safety for everyone, only when more than half of our community has been vaccinated, will we be able to make changes here. For everyone's protection. We ask for your understanding for this decision.

### 3. Internal class concerts

Finally, some good news in terms of teaching: From May 10th, internal class concerts can take place again. If you are planning a concert, please contact Mr. Hellmann ([johannes.hellmann@hfm-berlin.de](mailto:johannes.hellmann@hfm-berlin.de)).

The prerequisite for an internal class concert is that everyone present in the room has submitted a daily negative result of a corona rapid test. This is to be checked by the responsible teacher and documented on the attendance card. The following maximum room occupancy applies to internal class evenings:

→ KKS: a total of 16 people (max. 6 musicians on stage at the same time)

→ GKS I + II: a total of 12 people (max. 4 musicians on stage at the same time)

→ Studio hall: a total of 16 people (max. 4 musicians on the front stage at the same time)

Another note for all of you: even if you have a negative test, you are still obliged to continue to comply with all hygiene and distance rules as well as the mask requirement. This is for your mutual protection!

Keep going, we will fight our way forward together, step by step.

Best regards

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