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The Corona Warn App

What is the Corona Warn App?
The Corona Warn App is an app, launched in early July 2020, that uses a variant of contact tracking to trace cases of COVID-19. It is designed to provide people who have had contact with COVID-19-infected individuals with earlier and more accurate information about the risk of infection.

What does the Corona Warn App do?
The Corona Warn App informs you if you have spent a longer period of time near a person who was later found to be infected with the coronavirus. This allows you to react quickly and avoid the risk of spreading the virus unconsciously. The process of tracing infections, which was previously completely manual, is greatly accelerated by this digital aid.

How does the Corona Warn App work?
The Corona Warn App uses Bluetooth technology to measure the distance and duration of encounters between people who have installed the app. The smartphones "remember" encounters when the criteria for distance and time set by the RKI are met. The devices then exchange anonymous and randomly generated codes with each other. If people who use the app test positive for the corona virus, they can voluntarily inform other users. Once you have installed the app, it checks whether you have encountered a person who has tested positive for the corona virus. If you have, the app will show you a warning. At no time does this procedure allow any conclusions to be drawn about who you are or where you have been.

Is the Corona Warn App mandatory?
No. You decide yourself if you want to use the app. Plus, you can disable the functions of the app at any time, or delete the app entirely. This will also delete all of the information stored by the app.

However, the aim of the Corona-Warn-App is to protect you and your fellow citizens by quickly identifying and interrupting chains of infection with coronavirus, and it works at very little trouble or risk to you. So, please consider using it!

You can find more details on the website of the German Federal Government.

Rules of Conduct

In order to protect yourself and others as much as possible from an infection, the following rules of conduct are recommended by the federal state of Lower Saxony:

1. Keep your distance. Keep a distance of at least 1.5 meters between you and all other persons.
2. Wear mouth-and-nose covering if a distance of 1.5 meters is not possible and in general when shopping and on buses and trains.
3. Wash your hands often. Clean your hands regularly and thoroughly with soap or disinfectant.
4. Do not touch your eyes, nose or mouth. Your hands can carry viruses and transmit them through your face.
5. Pay attention to good breathing hygiene. When sneezing or coughing, keep your mouth and nose covered with a bent elbow or a tissue and dispose of it immediately.
6. Avoid busy places and larger events.
7. Regularly ventilate the rooms in which you spend longer periods of time.

At the moment restaurants, pubs and bars, as well as cinemas are allowed to open and some open-air events are allowed to take place if they have a sufficient hygiene concept. The applicable hygiene
concepts often include
- distance rules
- the obligation to use mouth-and-nose covering (except when sitting at your seat)
- keeping contact information (you are required to provide personal details like name, mobile phone number, date and time of attendance)
- provision of hand disinfectant.

Always follow the prevailing rules to protect yourself and others.

Up-to-date information on what is legally permitted and what is prescribed can be found on the website of the federal state of Lower Saxony (German only).

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