Corona Rules of Conduct

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Current measures in Osnabrück and Lingen

Due to high infection numbers, strict lockdown measures apply in Osnabrück and Lingen as of December 16, 2020 until at least January 31, probably extended until mid February, 2021:

- Private meetings (no matter whether outdoors or indoors) are allowed only with one person in addition to the persons belonging to your household.

- There is an urgent appeal to reduce contacts with other persons to the absolute minimum and to stay at home whenever possible.

- There is the obligation to wear a mask (mouth-and-nose covering) in all indoor and outdoor areas where it is difficult to keep the distance or where people are for a longer period of time. This applies to city centers, supermarkets, medical practices, to buses and trains, but also, for example, to parking spaces in front of stores, entrance areas, etc.

- As of January 25, simple cloth masks will no longer suffice for this purpose. Medical masks (surgical masks or masks of category FFP2 or KN95/N95) must be worn.

- Shops will be closed from December 16 to at least January 31, probably until Mid February. Exceptions: grocery shops, pharmacies, drug stores, opticians, gas stations, banks, postal offices, cleaning services and laundry facilities.

- Fewer customers are allowed in stores. The maximum number is calculated based on the size of the store.

- Furthermore, restaurants, bars and clubs have closed. It is possible to sell food for self-pickup for consumption at home.

- There is a strict ban on alcohol in public areas.

- You are strongly advised to avoid all travel that is not absolutely necessary. Should you travel nevertheless, the quarantine obligation applies upon return from risk areas.

Please behave responsibly! Restrict your contacts to the bare essentials and thus help to reduce the number of infections. Thank you!

General Rules of Conduct still apply:

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.
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.

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) and on the Corona website of the City of Osnabrück (German only).

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