

Coronavirus Update | Information Email to Students of Osnabrück University of Applied Sciences, Tuesday, December 1st 2020

Dear Students,

since December 1st, public life in Germany underlies further restrictions. Numbers of infections are still high and demand our continuing efforts. There are students and staff at our university who are directly affected by the virus. To all those we wish a speedy and complete recovery.

On November 30th, the state of Lower Saxony published new regulations that we would like to share with you:

Extension of Obligation to Wear Protective Masks

Effective immediately, we would like to ask all members of the university to not only **wear protective masks inside university buildings but on parking lots and on all outdoor campuses of the university as well**. We will inform you as soon as this additional rule is lifted again. Let's protect ourselves and all other members of the university so that we will make it through the coming weeks together. This rule applies in addition to keeping at least 1.5 meters distance to fellow students and staff at all times. At your seat in class, you may take off your mask if you can keep your distance to all other persons in the room. Please make sure you always wear a mask when you cannot keep a distance of at least 1.5 meters to other people while on campus or in the university buildings.

Registration in Face-to-Face-classes and Data Protection

You are obligated to register in all classes that take place face-to-face with your lecturers and fellow students. The state of Lower Saxony has confirmed this rule on November 30th. All data that is collected when registering will be stored for at least 3 weeks and deleted after 4 weeks. **Persons who refuse to be registered, must leave the building immediately and cannot participate in the class.** We hope for your understanding and compliance. This rule serves to support the public authorities who try to follow up on infection-chains in due time.

Solidarity Project – Community Engagement during the Corona Pandemic

In 2020, selected students had the opportunity to obtain financial support in order to become engaged in their local communities. The resulting projects were established in cooperation with welfare organizations. The students who received financial support had lost their student jobs due to the pandemic (e.g. when serving in a restaurant). The Solidarity Project lasted from May through November and the three resulting projects will be presented in a [Zoom-Session](#) on December 2nd at 7 p.m..

Solidarity Project – 2nd Call: Apply before Christmas!

Once again, students can apply for financial support in order to become engaged in their local communities. Selected students will receive a contract as a student worker with the university comprising 40 hours per months (equating app. € 450). The call is open to matriculated students only. The project must be set up in cooperation with a welfare organization and have a thematic connection with the corona virus pandemic. In addition, applicants must demonstrate their financial need.

The deadline for applications is December 23rd 2020. For further details and information, please consult with the [OSCA-Intranet](#) (page in German only).

Corona Aid for Students (German Ministry of Education and Research)

The German Ministry for Education and Research (BMBF) will continue their financial support program for students who are in need due to the pandemic. Financial support can be applied for from November until the end of the winter semester. For further information, please see <https://www.bmbf.de/de/wissenswertes-zur-ueberbrueckungshilfe-fuer-studierende-11509.html> .

International degree-seeking students who have questions regarding this option, can contact the Center for International Students (email to international@hs-osnabrueck.de).

We hope you'll enjoy the rest of the week despite the new restrictions. Stay safe!

Your University Steering Committee