Covid-19 Update 15.01.2021 - Department for BioMedical Research

In addition to the recommendations and rules communicated by the DBMR on October 29, 2020, the following NEW regulations and measures in regard to Covid-19 are additionally in place as of now:

- With the new regulations from the Bundesrat from January 13, 2021, and with the adapted regulations from the University from January 15, 2021, Home Office is mandatory for everybody that can work from home.

- The administration of the DBMR should set up a plan minimizing their presence but ensuring function of the Department. The Director and Management of the DBMR must be informed about the schedule.

- Vulnerable persons will stay in Home Office. The groups of vulnerable persons are defined by the BAG (https://www.bag.admin.ch/bag/de/home/krankheit/ausbrueche-epidemien-pandemien/aktuelle-ausbrueche-epidemien/novel-cov/krankheit-symptome-behandlung-ursprung/besonders-gefaehrdete-menschen.html) and include, among others, persons with High Blood Pressure, Cardiovascular Diseases, Cancer Treatments, Immunesuppressiva, and pregnant women. If somebody is not sure, whether she/he belongs to the group of vulnerable persons, please check with your doctor.

- To remove some of the pressure on room occupancy, the DBMR offers temporary desks in the Seminar Room MEM/H813 (max. 5 persons). Please note, these are temporary, multi-user desks, just to be used to get away from the lab and when no office space is available. Nobody should leave material on these desks when not present. Wear a mask at all times.

- NO MORE than five people are allowed in the DBMR Seminar and Meeting Rooms, irrespective of their size (5 person limit set by the Bundesrat for groups).

- Cafeterias and canteens remain open right now. Masks may be removed only while sitting and consuming food or drinks.

Please visit https://www.unibe.ch/coronavirus/index_ger.html for all the updated infos from the University with respect to the SARS-Cov2 pandemia.

The Emergency Task Force of the University recommends:

- Installation and activation of the Swiss Covid App.
- Not to join large groups of people.
- Avoid public transport during rush hours.

In case of questions and suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact me (willy.hofstetter@dbmr.unibe.ch).

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