



SITUATION REPORT WEDNESDAY, 25 MARCH 2020

I. SITUATION IN FIGURES

There are currently three reported cases of proven infection at the University. All relevant agencies have been informed.

II. DEVELOPMENTS

The decision to postpone the start of the semester to 20 April and the gradual restrictions imposed on public life were immediately spelled out for all areas of the University, from examinations to office staffing. Up-to-date information is always available at uni-hamburg.de/corona-faq. The FAQ pages have been restructured to organize the wealth of information by interest groups (students, employees, travel, and general questions about the coronavirus).

III. ON CAMPUS

A university campus is by nature a lively place full of activity. But not now. Since views of an empty campus may seem hard to believe just a few weeks after the crisis ends—which hopefully will be soon—we suggest that you take some photos, if you happen to be on campus. Just please no group photos ... Maybe at some point we can pick the best photos to publish.

IV. DID YOU KNOW ...

As in any crisis, there are many false reports going around, and sometimes criminals try to profit from situations like this one. [Netzwelt](#) has listed a whole series of fake news and scams carried out by cybercriminals. And last week, Universität Hamburg was also cited in a chain letter as a source of questionable scientific “facts” that were intended to relativize the threat posed by the spread of the coronavirus. The list of other statistically significant causes of death given as “proof” did not, of course, come from our university.

What does originate from our university is the exact opposite of fake news, namely scientifically sound and interesting insights by researchers here on corona-related topics, for example, by Prof. Dr. Tania Lincoln on fear in times of the coronavirus—posted in the [Newsroom](#).

V. FROM THE UNIVERSITY ADMINISTRATION

Although the administration has reduced on-site staff, it is maintaining central processes and handling time-critical issues. We will keep you up to date with reports on our progress.

STAY HEALTHY!

University Administration