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## Planning for Winter Semester 2022/23

Dear Students and Colleagues,

The pandemic's development and, above all, University members' awareness of their responsibility, have fortunately made it possible in Summer Semester 2022 to teach, study, do research, and pursue knowledge exchange—mostly in person. We would like to express our heartfelt gratitude on behalf of the entire Executive University Board.

With a view to University operations in Winter Semester 2022/23, one of our central concerns from the outset has been to learn from the past 2 years and draw on those experiences, to make scenario-based plans that allow us to define possible measures in the upcoming semester, which take all uncertainties into account. We have tapped the extensive and manifold expertise at our University and held discussions with experts in various subject areas, the deans, and the Academic Senate to develop a scientifically-sound perspective for the months ahead. We thank our colleagues, the faculties, and status groups for their important suggestions and constructive discussions, and extend particular gratitude to the Occupational Safety and Environmental Protection Unit, which coordinated the process and consultation results into a systematic concept.

The [Executive University Board's agreed scenario-based plans for Winter Semester 2022/23 \(PDF, in German\)](#) aims to be prepared for the upcoming months and able to respond appropriately to whatever situation may arise. Based on the German government's expert council and relevant federal and state statutes, there are 3 possible scenarios (levels I, II, and III), dependent on the pandemic's further development.

Our ideal outcome for Universität Hamburg is an in-person Winter Semester 2022/23, using targeted protective measures. Planning for University operations starting on 1 October 2022 will thus proceed in

accordance with level I measures, meaning, among other things, the unrestricted use of rooms for teaching, research, work, and events; the use of medical masks; and recommendations for compliance with basic protective measures and vaccination.

We will inform you of further developments related to the pandemic and its impact on University operations as they arise. The [information in the FAQ will be updated regularly](#), with the scenario-based plan available in English as soon as possible.

We wish you all the best for the end of the lecture period and a relaxing and successful summer.

Sincerely,

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Univ.-Prof. Dr. Hauke Heekeren  
–President–

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