

## **Information about protection from infection by the new coronavirus**

Dear parents and guardians, the new coronavirus (SARS-CoV2, COVID-19) has now spread in Germany. It is transmitted from person to person via droplets. This means that the virus can spread through the air as well as from hand to hand or via touching items.

The enclosed hygiene tips from the Federal Centre for Health Education (BZgA) on preventing infection are simple yet effective measures to protect yourself from the new coronavirus. Observing this information is advisable at all times, especially in light of the wave of flu outbreaks.

Communal facilities like schools play an important part in preventing the spread of infection. We rely on your support to do so. **Please do not send your child to school if you notice signs of illness such as coughing, shortness of breath and/or fever** and contact your local doctor or paediatrician by telephone immediately. Please let the doctor know these symptoms before entering the surgery so that the necessary precautions can be taken.

**Please inform us immediately if you have a well-founded suspicion or positive test results.**

We will inform you again if the situation changes and the recommendations need to be adapted.

**Detailed information and answers** to frequently asked questions (FAQ) about the coronavirus can be found on the following websites, along with practical tips for preventing infection: [www.infektionsschutz.de](http://www.infektionsschutz.de), [www.rki.de](http://www.rki.de) and <https://www.saarland.de/gesundheit.htm>.

**The Ministry of Health, Social Affairs, Women and the Family has set up a telephone hotline under (0681) 501-4422 for personal consultations.**

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