Dear Members of Staff and Instructors,

Welcome to a new year! Fortunately, today's discussions between the Federal Chancellor and state government heads have not resulted in any change to the situation for universities in Germany.

This means that we will resume in-person teaching and all services supporting teaching on Monday, 10.01.2022, as planned. Students will be informed of this by e-mail.

Furthermore, the introduction of "working at home" will be largely obligatory, in as far as this is possible. The decision as to when working from home could reduce contacts at the workplace and while commuting will be made by the respective supervisor. Please take into account that in-person teaching, supporting services, and maintenance of the necessary infrastructure must continue to be provided reliably. It is advised that you discuss effective measures for fair scheduling in maintaining service operations in your teams. Nonetheless, availability by telephone and e-mail must be ensured during any working hours accrued from home.

In order to ensure the safest possible start to service operations in 2022, we ask you to carry out a self-test before you take up your duties. From 10.01.2022, the test station on campus will reopen so that everyone can resume their work with peace of mind.

We wish you a good and healthy start to the second half of the winter semester at the University of Bayreuth.

Yours faithfully

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