

Statement dated March 3rd, 2020 from Florian Becker, Managing Director, Bard College Berlin

We received a report that one of our students has been exposed to someone – not associated with Bard College Berlin – who received a positive diagnosis of the new Corona virus. Following the protocols recommended by the German and US health authorities to slow the spread of the virus, this student and one other student are currently under quarantine for the recommended period. We are working closely with the public health authorities to monitor them.

In line with the best available information about the virus's incubation period and out of an abundance of caution, no classes are taking place today, Tuesday, March 3. We hope to resume a normal class schedule before the week is over and that we will all be able to finish this semester without further disruption. If things change, we will communicate this information to the community as quickly as possible.

We hope students will be able to view the closure days as additional reading and study time. The cafeteria will remain open as normal. In the meantime, and after classes resume, please help us to keep everybody healthy and safe by following the health protocols we shared earlier today.

We expect to give you another update on the evening of March 3rd. Until then, if you are worried, feel sick or have questions, please reach out to Brian and the Student Life team as your first contact points, or call the Berlin Corona Information Hotline at 030 90282828.

Thanks to everyone for the sensible and helpful ways in which affected students and the whole Bard College Berlin community have thus far been dealing with the situation.