

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

Dear Campus Community,

As you are aware, two of our students came into contact this past weekend with someone who subsequently was diagnosed with the Corona virus. In accordance with public health protocols, the exposed students were quarantined. As an additional precaution classes were canceled while we took steps to ensure their well-being and the safety of our community members. I am pleased to report that classes are back on starting tomorrow, Wednesday March 4.

We're all looking forward to getting back into our seminar rooms and studios. Nevertheless, if you are feeling sick or ill, or are otherwise concerned, please exercise caution and do not attend classes. Instead be in communication both with your professors and with Head of Student Life Brian Gallagher. We know that illness and the BCB attendance policy are sometimes in conflict with one another. We have asked faculty to be aware of the current situation in how they handle their classroom attendance.

Where do I go for more information?

In previous emails we have sent out lots of information. We would like to highlight one website that is very helpful in answering questions. This is from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention of the European Union. This is the FAQ from their COVID-19 page: <https://www.ecdc.europa.eu/en/novel-coronavirus-china/questions-answers>. Please read through the page. It has accurate information- specifically addressing things that are known and things that are not yet known about COVID-19.

How is the college working to restrict any transmission?

As you are aware, we have proactively quarantined a few members of the community. In line with health protocols they will stay there for fourteen days in total.

The college cleaning staff is making extra rounds to clean commonly used surfaces. We are making sure there is soap and hand sanitizer available around campus (they have refilled these today).