

Message dated March 4, 2020 from Florian Becker, Managing Director, Bard College Berlin

Dear Parents,

As many of you have already heard from your students, over the weekend the college was informed that one of our students had contact with a person (not a student) who was later diagnosed with coronavirus. In accordance with the general rules recommended by health authorities, the student was immediately quarantined as a precautionary measure.

The student has been tested and we are expecting the result later today. Irrespective of the result, the student will remain in quarantine until March 14, 2020.

While health authorities have never requested or recommended any additional measures, we elected to have 6 other students self-quarantine. The college is grateful for their abundant consideration for the health of our community.

Though health authorities have never requested or advised cancellations of any kind, as a precautionary measure the college also decided to cancel all classes on Monday and Tuesday (March 2 and 3) while timelines of exposure and contact were established and double checked. We have resumed business as usual starting this morning (March 4); students have been informed if they are feeling sick or ill, or are otherwise concerned, they should exercise caution and not attend classes.

Students have been and will continue to be informed by email as updates become available. We encourage you to be in touch with your students for these written updates. In addition, updates are posted on the university's website: <https://berlin.bard.edu/>.

The health and safety of our students is our highest priority. We remain in close contact with the health authorities in Berlin. Students will be notified immediately if a change in the situation merits an adjustment to usual campus operations and class formats.

If you have further questions, you may contact Brian Gallagher, Head of Student Life (b.gallagher@berlin.bard.edu). We ask for your understanding that queries may not be answered immediately as we continue to prioritize student and campus safety.