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**Coronavirus tests for
employees to administer
themselves**

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Dear Sir or Madam,

Dear colleagues,

In accordance with the updated version of the [Corona Occupational Health and Safety Ordinance](#), Heidelberg University is expanding its existing coronavirus testing opportunities for its employees.

In its employer function the university is therefore making available two kits per week to test for coronavirus for employees who do not work exclusively from home. Accepting this offer, which is valid until at least 30 June 2021, is voluntary and free of charge.

Regularly availing yourself of this test offer will support an early interruption of infection chains and at the same time make on-campus work safer for all concerned. For these reasons, and on behalf of the Rectorate, I cordially ask you to participate.

Rapid antigen tests

Heidelberg University will provide you with certified rapid antigen tests. Depending on which campus they belong to, the institutes / facilities can order the required number of rapid tests for delivery via the university administration or for collection at central distribution points. They will be financed from central Rectorate funds. The further distribution to the employees will then take place in the institutes. Initially the tests will be handed out in batches sufficient for two weeks.

Further details on the ordering and distribution process, on how to do the antigen test yourself and on related issues can be found on our coronavirus website:

[Rapid tests for employees](#)

Heidelberg University coronavirus test

In addition to taking the above-mentioned rapid antigen test, it is still possible to use the Covid-19 test procedure developed in the context of a study by the Center for Molecular Biology of Heidelberg University (ZMBH). This test procedure, too, is financed by central Rectorate funds; ordering and distribution take place in the same way via the respective institute management:

[Heidelberg University coronavirus test](#)

The executive staff of the university are asked to document this weekly offer to their employees in an informal but comprehensible manner. Please keep in mind those staff members who do not have regular access to an email post box.

In conclusion, I would like to point out that the extended offer of testing is to be understood as supplementary to the existing coronavirus hygiene protocols and the risk assessments with their protective measures. Therefore, please continue to comply with the coronavirus regulations of Heidelberg University and check regularly that the risk assessments and measures are up to date.

For queries and for all further concerns around the topic of coronavirus, our Coronavirus Service Portal remains at your service:

Phone: 06221-54-19191

Email: service.corona@uni-heidelberg.de

Many thanks for your support.

Warm regards and stay healthy!



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