

Corona-Update: April 21st

Information for students returning for the school opening on May 4th:

Today we have been able to receive best current information from the Boarding School Authorities (KVJS), from the Health Authorities in Freiburg and from the College doctor. Yesterday we were able to confirm current arrangements at Frankfurt Airport for returning students.

For students returning to RBC from outside Germany:

All returning students from outside Germany will be required to enter a strict quarantine for two weeks. Students may arrive anytime from the 27th April onwards. They will be required to stay within House 7 for the full two weeks, and will have meals delivered to their house. Direct contact with other students in House 7 is to be avoided. Students in quarantine will continue to have access to online classes. These conditions are required by the Boarding School Authorities.

If you plan to return to RBC at this stage from outside Germany, please mail Thomas Drössel and me as soon as possible and at least one working day before you leave home. Thomas will prepare the necessary paper work for you to be allowed to return into Germany and to travel onwards to RBC. If you are flying, please plan to fly only into Frankfurt Airport. According to the Authorities at Frankfurt Airport, you are entitled to return by train from the Airport to Freiburg.

For students of any nationality returning to RBC from within Germany:

All returning students from within Germany will be required to enter a strict quarantine for one week, in House 7, under the conditions described above. Students may return from the 27th April onwards. After one week has passed they will be taken to the College doctor for the Coronavirus Schnelltest (culture of the nasal and throat mucus membranes) to confirm their lack of Covid-19. These conditions are not formally required by the Boarding School Authorities but a strict quarantine was strongly recommended by the Freiburg Health Authority also for returning German students. The Schnelltest is a RBC harmonization of the requirements and strong advice.

All returning students

After a student has completed quarantine / the Schnelltest has returned negative, they will be allowed to return to their Student House (except for H7), and into their room should a space be available (after the re-arrangements several weeks ago to empty H7 for quarantine purposes. If their room is no longer available, Helen White will assign a them a new room.)

From 27th April onwards, the Land Baden Württemberg government has stated that people on public transport are required to wear masks. Please travel with and use a mask! If the number of new infections rises significantly, the German Authorities may cancel the re-opening of schools, or close schools again. If this happens, RBC will continue with online classes and with keeping students on campus, until they are able to travel home and not into adverse circumstances, as has been the situation since the 13th March.

I look forward to seeing as many of you as possible back at RBC for the remainder of this Semester. If you choose not to travel back to RBC at this stage, you still remain a student at RBC and we look forward to your ongoing online engagement!

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