

Important information from the Town Hall of Geretsried

As a result of the current situation, all city facilities will be closed until further notice. In case of very urgent matters, the Town Hall can be reached by telephone at 08171/62980 or 6298700 and via email at stadtverwaltung@geretsried.de.

State of Emergency – General Instructions

The Bavarian Chief Minister declared a state of emergency for Bavaria on 16.03.2020.

- All recreational facilities will be closed from Tuesday. These include: swimming pools, saunas, fitness centers, cinemas, bars, clubs, discotheques, theaters, hotels, sport and play grounds, gymnasiums, libraries, dance schools, VHS, music schools, youth centers.
- From Wednesday onwards all restaurants and company canteens will only be open from 6 am to 3 pm. The distance between tables must be 1.5 m and not more than 30 people should be present. After 3 pm only home delivery service or pickup by the customer is allowed.
- From Wednesday onwards all shops will be closed with the exception of: food shops, banks, pharmacies, hardware and gardening shops, opticians/acousticians, post offices, filling stations, online shopping. Shopping hours will be extended till 10 pm on weekdays and from 12 – 6 pm on Sundays.
- Public transport will be continued but with reduced frequency because schools are closed.
- Schools, daycare facilities for children and kindergartens will be closed from 16 March, 2020 through 19 April, 2020.
For further information, see website of Ministry of Education. The Ministry of Education has set up a hotline for urgent questions from parents and teachers: 089/2186-2971. The hotline is staffed on weekdays from 7.30 am till 6 pm, on Saturdays from 12 to 4 pm and on Sundays from 11 am to 4 pm.

Industry – Questions from companies/shops/retail

The Bavarian Department of Trade and Industry has set up a service hotline to answer questions on the Corona virus at 089 2162-2101 (Monday through Thursday 7:30 am – 5 pm, Friday 7:30 am – 4 pm) or by email at coronavirus-info@stmwi.bayern.de. Please note that the Corona virus hotline of the Department of Trade and Industry does not provide legal information.

The city of Geretsried cannot provide information on financial reimbursement claims of companies or self-employed people.

Further information for the industry is provided by Wirtschaftsforum Oberbayern at www.wirtschaftsforum-oberbayern.de/Aktuelles.

The county business agency can be reached at wifoe@lra-toelz.de.

The Munich Chamber of Commerce has also set up a hotline at 089 511 60.

Information on industrial law is available at <https://www.ihk-muenchen.de>.

Corona Virus – Information

For questions regarding the Corona virus, the District Office has set up a hotline for all citizens accessible on weekdays from 10 am to 2 pm and on weekends from 10 am to 12 noon. Telephone: 08041 505 595.

For clarification of medical symptoms, please contact the emergency service of the Association of SHI Physicians at 116 117 or your family doctor.

Measures, Recommendations and Information

1. Detailed information on the virus and the current situation on the internet:

- The Bavarian Health Ministry provides information on the current situation in Bavaria at:
<https://www.stmgp.bayern.de/vorsorge/infektionsschutz/infektionsmonitor-bayern/>
- The Office for Food Safety and Health has set up a hotline for all citizens: 09131 6808-5101
- The Federal Center for Health Education answers frequently asked questions at www.infektionsschutz.de/coronavirus-sars-cov-2.html
- You will find further details, risk areas, course of action etc. on the website of the Robert Koch Institute www.rki.de

2. What should travellers consider?

- The Health Office advises travellers returning from risk areas to be vigilant.
- Especially travellers who had personal contact with a person with COVID-19 (Corona virus) should immediately contact the Health Office, even if they have no symptoms of the disease.
The Health Office can be reached at 08041 505-483 during normal office hours. The course of action will then be discussed.
- People who were in a risk area and who develop symptoms within 14 days after returning should stay at home, avoid unnecessary contact with others and be very careful when sneezing or coughing. These symptoms include fever, muscle pain, cough, cold and headache. The current regions at risk are shown on the homepage of the RKI. In the case of acute cold symptoms, contact a doctor's office by phone (very important), describe your symptoms and mention your journey. Contacting by telephone should prevent further infections in the doctor's office.

- Alternatively, outside of office hours, the Association of SHI Physicians can be contacted at 116 117. Either the family doctor or this emergency service will inform you how to proceed.

3. What are typical symptoms?

- The typical symptoms are not basically different from those of a common cold. The Corona virus primarily causes a cough, cold, sore throat, fever and some get diarrhea.
- Those who were not in a risk area and have these symptoms can contact their family doctor and don't have to notify the Health Office.

4. Which measures protect against infection?

Dr. Stephan Gebrande (Head of the Health Office) points out that the measures which protect against the Corona virus are the same as those which protect against influenza and other acute respiratory infections.

- Dr. Stephan Gebrande explains that when sneezing or coughing, hold your elbow in front of your mouth and nose or use a tissue and then immediately dispose of it, maintain social distancing and turn away from others.
- The second point is to wash your hands well, says Dr. Stephan Gebrande. In this way, you protect yourself and other people. Wash your hands thoroughly and regularly with soap and water and don't forget the back of your hands, between the fingers and the nails.
- Dr. Stephan Gebrande also explains that we should avoid touching our eyes, mouth and nose and we should stay 1 to 2 m away from sick people.
- The use of face masks is meaningful only for sick people because they can avoid passing the virus on to others. However, there is no adequate evidence to show that wearing a face mask clearly reduces the risk of infection for a healthy person.