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CURRENT SITUATION IN RHINELAND-PALATINATE

Blog: Latest Developments concerning Corona Virus

Friday June 12

+++ Does Corona Easing set an End to Home Office? +++ 7 a.m.

Before the corona pandemic home office was a standard with many companies in Rhineland Palatinate only in exceptional cases. Due to the world-wide spreading of the virus home office became a standard for many Rhineland-Palatinate. Many of them could transfer into the home office and, thereby, bring infection numbers to a decrease. Home office has started abruptly and smoothly at the beginning of the home office era; but the return to the regular offices is slow and hesitant.



Thursday June 11

+++ Corpus Christi Holiday without Processions +++ 9 p.m.

On Corpus Christi Catholics celebrate the body of the Lord. In many communities there are processions with consecrated wavers in monstrance – but not during corona times. Almost all catholic parishes in Rhineland-Palatinate abstained from

processions this year or thought of something else just like Pastor Joerg Meyrer in the Community of Ahrweiler.

+++ Police do not register any Corona Violations +++ 4.45. p.m.

People in Rhineland-Palatinate complied with corona restrictions on Corpus Christi. According to the Police Headquarters the holiday remained quiet and there were no specific occurrences within Rhineland-Palatinate. There have been no violations of physical distancing rules.

+++ Biontech Enterprise in the City of Mainz will receive a Million Euro Credit by European Union +++ 2.45 p.m.

The biopharma enterprise Biontech in the City of Mainz will receive up to 100 million euro to develop a vaccine against COVID-19 from the European Investment Bank (EIB). Biontech will use the credit to expand its production capacity and to provide the vaccine in case of a successful test phase as soon as possible, said the EU Commission on Thursday. According to this authority in the City of Brussels Biontech was the first company in Europe which started clinical testing of a COVID-19 vaccine candidate. In April the first clinical study started in Germany, followed by another clinical study in the U.S.A. in the beginning of May. According to their own statement Biontech expects the first clinical data on vaccine testing at the end of June or July.

+++ Six new cases with Corona Infections in Rhineland-Palatinate +++ 12.30 p.m.

The number of people who have contracted the corona virus only increases slowly. According to the Ministry of Health on Thursday there have been six new cases compared to the day before. Since the beginning of the corona pandemic the number of confirmed infections within the state has risen to 6,819. There were 231 death cases in connection with the virus; this number remains unchanged. At current 181 people in the state have contracted the virus; 6,407 people are considered to have recovered from the infection.