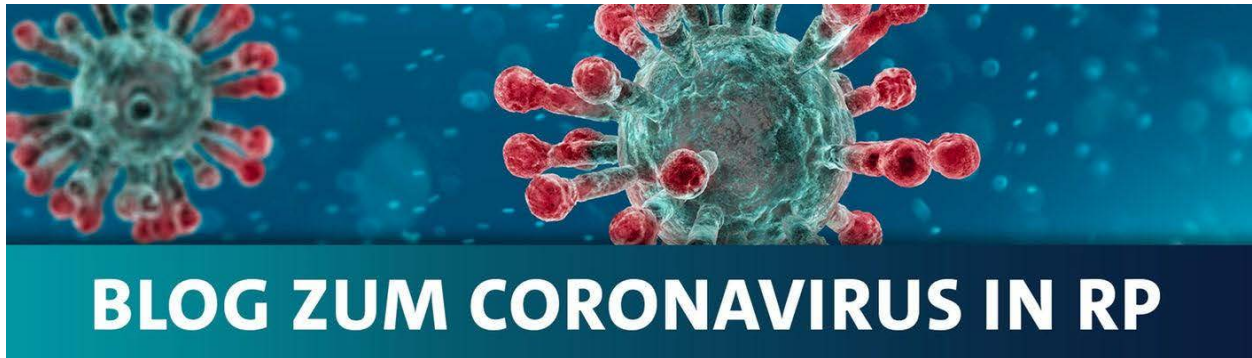


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## CURRENT SITUATION IN RHINELAND-PALATINATE

### Blog: Latest Developments concerning Corona Virus

Thursday (18 June)

#### +++ Secretaries of Education negotiate about School Operation after Summer Recess +++ (7.15 a.m.)

The Conference of the Secretaries of Education of the Federal States (KMK) will negotiate in a video conference today how school operation could practically be performed after summer recess. Even when regular operations resume, the new school year “cannot be handled like the previous year started”, said the President of KMK, Secretary of Education of the State of Rhineland-Palatinate, Stefanie Hubig (SPD). Negotiations are to address the subject matter of school lessons and give advice for tele-education. “There may be individual closures of schools in local areas due to development of infections. We must prepare ourselves for such a case in the future”, said Hubig.

Wednesday (17 June)

#### +++ Federation and States keep up Restrictions +++ (6.45 p.m.)

#### Schools open, but no large Events

Physical distancing and contact restrictions, hygiene rules and the requirement to wear face covering – all this will further apply. This is what was agreed upon in Berlin in the evening. Chancellor Angela Merkel (CDU) and the Prime Ministers of the States have met in person for the first time again since March and agreed to a joint approach. Schools and child development centers are to resume regular

operation after summer recess, but large events and fairs are to be forbidden until fall.

**+++ More Turnover in Grocery Sales in April +++ (5 p.m.)**

Grocery stores in Rhineland-Palatinate have made significantly more turnover than other branches in April. Other branches had a significant decrease in turnover, especially in April when corona restrictions had been imposed. According to computation by the Statistical Authority of the State in the City of Bad Ems grocery sales had an increase in turnover of 6.3%; other branches had a decrease in turnover of 12%.

**+++ 12 new Infections, at present 160 People have contracted the Virus +++ (11.15 a.m.)**

On Wednesday the number of confirmed corona infections in Rhineland-Palatinate has increased by 12 and reached a total of 6,858 infections. This is information by the Ministry of Health. The number of people who died in conjunction with the virus remains unchanged at 233 cases. At current 6,465 people have recovered.