

## **Is there a positive corona case at your school? The health department is there for you!**

For many people it certainly makes a difference to only hear about Corona from the media or suddenly to be directly or indirectly affected by a local infection. Suddenly everything is within reach and the potential danger is very close. This is frightening and understandable that many want to receive all information immediately, especially when children are affected.

Rest assured: the health department for the city and district of Göttingen is routine and objective at work in such a case and has developed an approach that is adapted to current developments. If there is a Covid 19 case at your school, information will be exchanged immediately between the health department and the management of your school. Everything that has to be done then is discussed in detail.

The school management will work together with the health department and use official criteria to identify the contact persons with a higher or lower risk of infection. Those who belong to the category 1 contact persons must be quarantined at home (see information sheet KP1). Those who had a lower risk of infection can continue to attend school as long as no symptoms occur (see information sheet KP 2).

So far, serial tests for SARS-CoV-2 in schools have almost exclusively produced negative test results. This also reflects the nationwide knowledge in the city and district of Göttingen that the risk of infection in schools is low and is well limited by the hygiene concepts. Series tests are therefore only carried out in special exceptional situations.

Testing of close contact persons with and without symptoms (category 1) can be carried out by the family doctor; Testing of close contact persons without signs of illness also via the Göttingen test center, for which an appointment can be made via the citizen's telephone (Tel. 0551 7075-100)

We hope that this letter has already answered some of your questions. For further questions, please use the information on the website of the city of Göttingen (<https://goe.de/corona>) or the Federal Center for Health Education [www.bzga.de](http://www.bzga.de).

Sincerely yours  
On behalf

The medical officer

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