COVID-19
How to proceed if a pupil’s self-test is positive

The coronavirus SARS-CoV-2 has spread all over the world at great speed. In many cases the infection, known as COVID-19, is accompanied by mild symptoms similar to those of a common cold with a cough, fever, muscle and limb pains and occasionally rhinitis. Another typical symptom is the loss of one’s sense of smell or taste. Some people, however, never develop symptoms (“asymptomatic course”). On the other hand, the number of patients with severe symptoms remains high. Certain groups of persons, particularly persons with severe pre-existing health conditions who have not been vaccinated, are more vulnerable to this risk. They need our protection in particular. It is essential to prevent infections and break chains of infection. Self-tests taken at school contribute greatly towards achieving this aim.

What happens next?

The following applies to pupils who receive a positive result of a self-test for coronavirus: they may not take part in any more lessons but must self-isolate immediately and reduce contact with other people as far as possible, because there is a great probability that they are highly contagious. The way home should be as free of contact with other persons as possible; as a rule, parents or guardians will pick up their child from school.

The school will inform the health authority about the positive test result. The health authority will then guide the next steps and order the performance of a PCR test to confirm the result of the self-test.

If the result of the PCR test is negative, the pupil may return to school immediately. If the test result is positive, isolation must be continued and the health authority will inform the family on how to proceed – including how to best organise this time with children.

For more information about COVID-19:
Coronavirus helpline of the state government 089 / 122 220
www.bayern.de: “Coronavirus – at a glance”
www.stmgp.bayern.de/coronavirus, the information page of the Bavarian State Ministry of Health and Care

We wish you all the best for your health!