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Dear readers,

all of us in Wuppertal are learning to live with the new normality in times of pandemic. However, we must continue to be careful and observe the rules of distancing and other important measures to avoid further infections. Stay healthy or get well soon!

1. General information

Important aid from the Federal Government

The German Federal government wants to combat the consequences of the Corona pandemic with a 130 billion euro package. Citizens, companies and local authorities are to benefit from this economic recovery package. Two of the measures are described here:

300 euro bonus per child

Families are to receive a one-off payment of 300 euros per child as a bonus. The money is to be paid out to the families together with the child benefit. The bonus has to be taxed, but is not credited against social benefits, such as from the Jobcenter.

Tax reduction for all

On 1 July 2020 the value added tax will be reduced from 19 to 16 percent. The reduced value added tax rate, which applies to basic foodstuffs among others, is also to be reduced: From seven to five percent. The tax reduction is limited in time until the end of 2020 and is intended to provide relief for everyone.

Further measures and information can be found under the following link:

[Ergebnisse der Beratungen](#)



Important appeal – get tested!

The “Palästinensische Freundschaftsverein”, in cooperation with the health department, has written an important appeal for all citizens of Wuppertal. The appeal was translated into various languages by other Wuppertal associations:

“Stop! Our appeal to you: Get yourselves tested! We are grateful too for the relaxation that has occurred, but now more than ever before the following applies: Observe yourself and take your body and possible symptoms seriously!

1. **Fever or increased temperature**
2. **Cough or irritation of the throat**
3. **Loss of taste and/or smell**
4. **Difficulty in breathing**

Do you or your family members experience one or more of these symptoms? Do you live in Wuppertal? Then call 0202 563 2000!

Do you live somewhere else? Then contact your city health department!”

You can find this appeal in different languages on the Facebook page of the association:

[Palästinensischer Freundschaftsverein](#)

Information from Wuppertal

Please inform yourself daily about measures concerning the Corona virus on the homepage of the city of Wuppertal. There you will find information about behavioral measures and legal regulations:

[Infos der Stadt Wuppertal zum Coronavirus](#)

2. Information for (new)immigrants, refugees and families

Support in Corona times

The evangelical church communities in Wuppertal organize shopping services, a pick-up service, people’s journey back to their home country, phone calls for people who feel lonely and much more. For more information about the offers please click on the following link:

[Evangelischer Kirchenkreis Wuppertal](#)

Team “Integrations- und Flüchtlingsarbeit“

The team offers refugees and newly arrived third-country nationals advice in difficult life situations, among other things. The team offers consultation by phone! For this purpose, please continue to dial the hotline 0202 563 4005. The hotline is manned from Monday to Friday from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm. In exceptional cases the consultation can take place in different languages.



3. Information for parents with children between 0 and 6 years

Dear parents – Important information for parents and families in Wuppertal

Kindergarten starts again!

Since 8 June, all children with a childcare place can again be cared for in the kindergarten, nursery or day care. This means that children and parents can return to a bit of everyday life. Since the times for the care are limited, we ask for patience and understanding. Please contact your institution for information on current regulations!

“Stories, creative and information to learn, laugh and hope.”

The website HopeLit provides free activity material for children. Stories suitable for children, handicraft and painting templates and more can be found at:

[HopeLit](#)

4. Information for parents of school-age children

Dear parents – Important information for pupils, parents and families in Wuppertal

Schooling in the primary school takes place again.

Since 15 June 2020, all primary school pupils have again been going to **primary schools or to the primary grades of special schools on all weekdays** in a classroom setting.

As the lessons will take place in fixed groups, lessons reductions are possible. The prescribed distance and hygiene requirements outside the classroom still apply. Wearing a mouth protection outside the classroom also remains a duty.

Please note: Parents are not allowed to enter the school ground or the school building! Please stay in contact with your children’s class teachers and ask them to recommend materials for your children to work with during the summer holidays.

Secondary school pupils continue to receive attendance classes on individual days. If attendance classes cannot be offered in full, pupils will be provided with supplementary learning material for distance learning. These **tasks** are generally **compulsory**.

[Allgemeine aktuelle Infos des Schulministeriums](#)

Emergency care, as it has been provided in the last few weeks, will no longer be available at primary schools from 15 June. If child care is needed outside of attendance classes, please contact your child’s school.

[Notbetreuung](#)



Learning links and teaching materials for different subjects and class levels:

A collection of different offers and platforms for learning can be found here:

[Lernlinks](#)

On the website of the Goethe Institute there is a free game for learning German. Even great inventors have to decide small questions in their lives:

[Spiel zum Deutschlernen](#)

Who trains more diligently? Here you practice adding and subtraction fractions:

[Bruchzahlen lernen](#)

5. Language, profession and work

Special information for employees

The Ministry of Labor, Health and Social Affairs has set up a website on the topic of work. Here you can find special information for employees, worker's councils and companies during the Corona pandemic:

[Sonderinformation für Beschäftigte](#)

Advice on labor law issues

The association offers free advice on labor law. The advice is given by phone. All questions of labor law are dealt with. Only people who are in temporary employment, have a mini-job or a gross salary below 2400 Euros are advised. The following link provides more information:

[faire Arbeit e.V.](#)

Integration and professional language courses

More and more providers of integration and professional language courses are beginning to offer attendance lessons, taking into account comprehensive hygiene and protection measures. Some of them are now even planning new courses.

Language course counselling in the Department of Immigration and Integration (Ressort Zuwanderung und Integration) has also resumed on-the-spot counselling. **Attention!** Access to the language course counselling can only be granted **with a written invitation to the appointment.**



Important hotline phone numbers of the Department of Immigration and Integration (Ressort Zuwanderung und Integration)

Multilingual phone hotline of the Local Integration Centre (Kommunales Integrationszentrum)

Available from 09:00 am to 3:00 pm

phone: 0202 563 4005

email: integration@stadt.wuppertal.de

Foreigners Authority (Ausländerbehörde)

phone: 0202 563 4003

email: Notfall-Auslaenderbehoerde@stadt.wuppertal.de

Social Service Department - Wirtschaftliche Hilfen

phone: 0202 563 4343

email: 204-wirtschaftliche-hilfe@stadt.wuppertal.de

Did you miss the newsletter? The following link or QR-Code provides older editions, further languages and information.

[Ältere Newsletter und ergänzende Informationen](#)

