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Coronavirus Sars-CoV-2: Canton Zug is prepared

The canton of Zug continues to attentively monitor the spread of the new Sars-CoV-2 coronavirus. A first case has also been proven in Switzerland. The canton of Zug has taken appropriate preparatory measures. The cantonal authorities also stand in close contact with the other cantons, the federal government and the Zug service providers. For the population, there is currently no danger, but strict compliance with the hygiene rules during the flu season is always recommended.

The cantonal health authorities can draw on experience from previous epidemics and the corresponding pandemic plan to deal with the new coronavirus. When dealing with the new virus, the canton of Zug adheres to the recommendations of the Federal Office of Public Health (BAG) and implements the corresponding measures. The health director Martin Pfister praises all the involved departments: "The contact between the canton of Zug and the BAG is smooth and uncomplicated."

Regular information to specialists and authorities

The focus at the moment is the regular and timely information of specialist staff health professionals such as doctors, pharmacies and clinics. The various cantonal and municipal authorities are also kept informed of the latest developments. There are currently no restrictions for companies, schools or other institutions and events. The cantonal management staff (KFS), which is active in exceptional situations, is also regularly informed, but it is not yet in use. In the background, the canton is preparing for possible eventualities and has defined the responsibilities and processes.

Common hygiene measures offer protection

The best protection against the coronavirus, which is transmitted via droplets, is represented by the well-known hygiene measures: regular hand washing, sneezing in the crook of the arm and a distance from the sick (min. 2 meters). "Adhering to these measures always makes sense during the flu season" emphasizes the cantonal doctor Rudolf Hauri.

Possible quarantine station determined

As an additional measure, the cantonal doctor in Zug, together with the head of the cantonal management staff and civil defence, identified suitable premises for quarantine stations. These are located in canton-owned buildings in the Chamau area (municipality of Hünenberg). The isolation of infected people and their contact persons is primarily in their own homes. Only in cases where this is not possible and no hospital treatment is required would the quarantine station be put into operation. There is no danger for the residents of the area. The health director and the cantonal doctor informed them in detail at an information event about what possible commissioning of the quarantine station would mean.

Further information

For general questions from the population, the canton of Zug refers to the homepage and BAG hotline:

- www.bag.admin.ch
- +41 58 463 00 (daily 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.)

For specific questions about travel advice, go to the homepage <http://www.safetravel.ch> grasslands.

If there is current information on the situation in the Canton of Zug, it will be updated on the Homepage of the Office for Health published:

<https://www.zg.ch/behoerden/gesundheitsdirektion/amt-fuer-gesundheit/aktuell/>

Contact

Government Councilor Martin Pfister, Health Director, will be available for additional questions on February 27, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. in the government building of the canton of Zug (commission room).

For telephone inquiries: 041 728 35 01 (GC Martin Pfister calls back)