

Dear Bensheimers, The corona crisis unfortunately also has Bensheim fully under control: public life stands largely silent and private contacts are reduced to the bare minimum. These restrictions are very painful and difficult for all of us to endure, especially now with the beginning of spring. The current situation is particularly bad for our elderly or sick fellow citizens who are now also visiting their loved ones and have to do without. Many workers are short-time workers or even threatened with unemployment, business people fear for their existence, while other workers - especially in retail, medical or nursing areas, in the supply and disposal companies or in the Logistics - are working at the limit. And unfortunately no one can tell us how long we can stay there in these difficult conditions. We from the city of Bensheim are doing our best to deal with the consequences of the crisis to mitigate all citizens, public administration maintains and coordinates private aid offers. I have about that ever since last week in daily video messages, on our homepage and in the Bergsträßer Anzeiger. With this letter I want to make sure that this information also reaches those who do not use the internet and the newspaper. The crisis team of the city of Bensheim agrees with the Bergstrasse district every day and the municipalities of the district. We take into account the current specifications of the state government and have made common specifications. Any questions? If you have any questions, please contact our Service phone [06251/14 333](tel:0625114333) (from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.) or by email to service@bensheim.de. This also runs the coordination for those seeking help and people who need their help and want to offer, such as neighborhood help, doing shopping or similar. Aid providers should of course not have any disease symptoms in the past 14 days from one of the risk areas and of course do not belong to the risk group. The staff in the town hall can also provide information and answer questions about the tasks of the city administration of Bensheim, such as about the collection of ID cards, questions about the childcare, details on the current decrees of the State of Hesse and the like. However, health questions cannot be answered here. For this, please contact your family doctor, the doctor emergency service on the phone number 116 117 or to the Hesse Corona hotline on [0800 5554666](tel:08005554666) (daily from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. reachable). Telephone counseling also provides support for worries nationwide and is available free of charge at [0800 1110111](tel:08001110111) and [0800 1110222](tel:08001110222). I am very aware of how much the unfortunately necessary measures affect all of us. Impaired coexistence. I would never have dreamed of "Corona" that we will close shops and restaurants, access to the town hall is limited massively and the number of participants for example at weddings or limited funerals. But this difficult time also shows how much it is Bensheimers who stick together in the crisis, each other help and support: The offers of help received by the city are overwhelming and show a functioning community in which no one is left alone. We can be really proud of this cohesion.