



Press briefing and invitation

Presentation of the results of the RESTART-19 study on the transmission risk of Covid-19 at major sporting and cultural events

Press conference on Thursday, October 29, 2020 from 10 am to 12 pm in Halle (Saale) or via live stream on YouTube

Concerts, shows, sporting events: What conditions need to be in place before arena events with an audience can take place again? What are the challenges facing the organizers of these concert and sporting events? And what requirements must each individual meet in order to attend such events? Vast amounts of data were collected in August during an experiment held in the Quarterback Immobilien Arena in Leipzig as part of the research project RESTART-19. "Thanks to the active participation and enormous support of the participants, we have now been able to develop a mathematical model that shows which measures should be implemented at major events to minimize the risk of infection with Covid-19," explains Dr. Stefan Moritz, study leader of the RESTART-19 project at *University Medicine Halle (Saale)*.

We would like to present to you the results of the project and invite you to a press briefing:

**Thursday, October 29, 2020, 10 am to 12 pm
Universitätsklinikum Halle (Saale)
Ernst-Grube-Strasse 40
Hörsaalgebäude (Funktionsgebäude 6), HS 3/4**

Please register to personally participate in the press conference by sending the following information by e-mail to presse@uk-halle.de "First name, last name; e-mail & medium" no later than **October 26, 2020. The press briefing will also be broadcast live on the YouTube channel of University Medicine Halle (Saale): <https://www.youtube.com/user/UniMedHal>**

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Press briefing: Presentation of the results of RESTART-19		
Participants	Prof. Armin Willingmann	Minister of Economics, Science and Digitization of the State of Saxony-Anhalt
	Petra Köpping	State Minister for Social Affairs and Social Cohesion of the Free State of Saxony
	Prof. Michael Gekle	Dean of University Medicine Halle (Saale)
	Prof. Thomas Moesta	Medical Director of University Medicine Halle (Saale)
	Dr. Stefan Moritz	Head of the Infectiology Department at University Medicine Halle (Saale)
	Prof. Rafael Mikolajczyk	Director of the Institute for Medical Epidemiology, Biometrics and Informatics at University Medicine Halle (Saale)
Schedule		
10 am	Start of the press briefing	
10 am	Opening by Prof. Thomas Moesta	Occurrence of infection in the Covid-19 pandemic
10:05 am	Introduction and moderation by Prof. Michael Gekle	RESTART-19
10:10 am	Prof. Armin Willingmann	Promotion of science and the importance of the project for Saxony-Anhalt
10:20 am	Petra Köpping	The social and societal importance of the project for Saxony
10:30 am	Dr. Stefan Moritz	Presentation of the results of the RESTART-19 project
10:45 am	Prof. Rafael Mikolajczyk	Presentation of the epidemiological results
10:55 am	Dr. Stefan Moritz	Presentation of the recommendations
11:00 am	Question and answer session	
11:20 am	Adjournment by Prof. Michael Gekle	
11:25 am	Official photos with podium participants	
11:30 am	Possibility for one-on-one interviews/statements	