

Dear Ladies and Gentlemen,

The corona pandemic has been with us for many months - and will continue to do so. The aim of all our efforts is to keep the infection process in our city under control and to maintain public life. We have mostly succeeded in doing this in the past weeks and months.

With the start of regular operations in schools and the operation of daycare centers, however, we face a major challenge after the summer holidays: we must prevent everyone from carrying the Corona virus into our facilities from the outside - especially with regard to vacation returners from so-called Risk areas. Our federal government and the Robert Koch Institute have currently classified more than 100 countries as risk areas - you can find a current list on the Internet at:

www.rki.de/covid-19-risikogebiete.

Anyone who has vacationed in such a risk area or was only passing through there has clear rules: Vacationers must show a negative corona test that is not older than 48 hours or must go in quarantine for 14 days. For this you must immediately call the hotline **02381 / 17-6444** or send an email to **corona-reise@stadt.hamm.de** to the health department of the city of Hamm!

Anyone who violates this provision of the current Corona Protection Ordinance can expect high fines of up to EUR 1,000 per person. We do this to ensure the greatest possible protection and to avoid having to close schools and daycare centers. We can do this if everyone joins in. Therefore I ask you to stick to the rules and to report to the health department after a vacation in the risk area. If you do not understand the content of the letter or need a translation, you can find it on the Internet at

<https://www.hamm.de/corona/urlaubsrueckkehrer-aus-risikogebieten>.