



Der Ministerpräsident  
des Landes Nordrhein-Westfalen



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Liebe Mitbürgerinnen und Mitbürger,

My fellow citizens,

We have difficult weeks ahead of us. This November is the deciding month in the fight against the second wave of the coronavirus pandemic.

We have passed measures and regulations that will profoundly change life in Germany and in North Rhine-Westphalia. I am aware that the restrictions will be a great burden for many, and will lead to personal and financial difficulty.

This is why, during these times, we need solidarity above all else. Solidarity with the elderly and ill among us for whom the virus is a fatal threat. With the care workers and doctors who have to work to their limits every day. With the many food service workers, artists and other independent workers who are once again worried about their financial sustainability.

And thus we should never lose sight of our goal. We are doing everything to protect the health of our most vulnerable. To keep schools and day care centres open. To maintain our economy. It now comes down to all of us. Our fate rests in our hands during this pandemic, and so you are implored to stay home. By reducing our contact with others we have the opportunity to stop the drastic rise in infection rates and maintain our efficient healthcare system.

Meet with as few people as possible, and follow the rules that have been proven to be effective: keep at a distance from others, wash your hands, and wear masks.

In this difficult time of abstention, we must insist on preserving our hope and faith. We will overcome this pandemic and will do so together. Our country can do this. May this thought provide us with strength and the endurance required for the coming weeks.

Take care of yourselves and each other.

Stay healthy!

Bleiben Sie gesund!  
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