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Hey there!

Either you or a person you have been with has been diagnosed with the Corona virus.

The department for health is responsible for making sure that as few people as possible catch the virus and get seriously ill. That is why they decided that you have to go into quarantine (“Absonderung”) for a certain amount of time. Quarantine means that you have to stay at home and try not to get too close to anyone you live with. If somebody else from your family is ill, please make sure that you do not spend time in the same room – not even the bathroom or toilet. If being in the same room together cannot be avoided please wear a facemask.

Unfortunately during the duration of the quarantine you are not allowed to receive any visitors. That is not much fun, but it is necessary to keep the virus from spreading and from making more people ill. By staying at home you help making sure that as many people as possible stay healthy.

You are of course allowed to talk and chat with your friends or grandparents and other family members via telephone or messenger apps to stay in touch.

The quarantine will last as long as it takes for you to become healthy again - or until it is clear that you have not been infected with the virus. After a certain amount of time, which the department for health determines in advance, you are allowed to go outside again and go back to school. It remains important that you are careful and stick to the current rules until we have successfully overcome this pandemic.

Thank you. Fingers crossed that neither you nor your family get seriously ill or that you get healthy again soon!

Whatever happens: We are there for you!

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Did you know ...

... where the word “quarantine” comes from? Even in the olden times they had infectious diseases and back then there were very few doctors around who again did not have many drugs at their disposal. That is why people thought about ways to avoid being infected. In the 14th century someone in Venice had a great idea. Back then many people came to Venice by boat and in doing so brought diseases from other cities and countries with them. That is why it was decided that those arriving had to stay on their boat for forty days. Only after those forty days it was allowed for the boat to enter the harbour and for the passengers to leave the ship. Because the Italian word for “40” is “quaranta” over time this expression turned into the word we now use: “quarantine”. But luckily today it does not last that long anymore!

(The translation of the original text into English was done by a layperson.)