

Übersetzung Elternbrief Stadträtin vom 18.01.2022– englisch

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Dear parents and guardians,

I wish you all a happy and above all healthy New Year!

The Corona Expert Group met for the first time in the new year on 12.1.2022 to discuss the current situation and share findings from the so-called **Prevention Weeks**.

In the first two weeks after the Christmas break of the facilities, most of you accepted the voluntary offer to test your children: Almost 80% of parents across the city took part. We were very pleased about the high level of demand and would like to thank you very much for your cooperation. Since the prevention weeks have been very successful and the Corona expert group also supports the tests, we will **continue the offer**. This means:

- You will still receive rapid tests via the Kitas (day-care/kindergartens) to test your children 2x a week. Due to a switch of products, each child is now provided with a pack of 5 tests for 2 weeks.
- Parents who have not yet participated can of course join at any time. A statement of permission must be signed for this purpose.

The current situation is affected by increasing numbers of infections due to the Omikron variant that is now prevalent. The expert group has agreed on the following arrangements, which will apply until the end of April:

- Working in fixed groups will continue, cross-group care in off-peak hours and outside will continue to be possible.
- To overcome staff shortages, it is possible for staff with daily self-testing to be transferred to another group.

Since Monday, 17 January, Marburg has also been one of the so-called hotspots due to its high incidence and is thus subject to special regulations. [Hotspot Regeln \(hessen.de\)](https://www.hessen.de/hotspot-regeln) so it is still necessary to be careful and I thank you very much for your considerate and thoughtful actions.

Finally, two links to the videos and reports from last week's Prevention Weeks:

[Kostenlose Lolli-Tests für 3000 Kita Kinder in Marburg \(15:30\) - Podcast: hr4.de Podcast Hessens Kita-Kinder testen sich vorsorglich - FFH.de](#)

Yours sincerely

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