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Huml informed about the first corona virus case in Bavaria - Bavaria's Minister of Health: Bavaria is well prepared - telephone hotline switched

Bavaria's Minister of Health Melanie Huml informed at a press conference in Munich on Tuesday about the first case of an illness with the new corona virus in Bavaria. The minister emphasized: "We take the situation very seriously. Bavaria is well prepared. For years we have had a special unit for such cases - the 'Task Force Infectious Diseases' at the State Office for Health and Food Safety (LGL). This special unit is available at all times. In addition, we formed a special staff in the ministry last week. We have had intensive exchanges with the Robert Koch Institute and the federal government for a long time. "

The minister added: "There are also alarm plans that have now been applied. For example, the procedure for reporting suspicious cases and the determination of contact persons are precisely regulated. The determination of contact persons is currently in full swing."

Huml also pointed out that the LGL has set up a telephone hotline. Citizens can ask questions at 09131 / 6808-5101.

LGL President Dr. Andreas Zapf reported at the press conference: "The patient is a 33-year-old who works for a company in the Starnberg district and lives in the Landsberg district. The man is currently in a clinically good condition. He is medically monitored and is isolated in the Munich Clinic Schwabing. "

The LGL President added: "The patient apparently got infected in Germany on January 21 during a further training event with a Chinese colleague. This colleague flew back to China on January 23. The 33-year-old reported the symptoms of the disease after informing the company's employees. A test at the Bundeswehr Institute for Microbiology in Munich showed on Monday evening that the findings are positive. The Task Force Infectiology has all necessary measures taken immediately after the suspicion arises. Currently, this includes, among other things, the identification of additional contact persons. "

Dr. Martin Hoch, head of the "Task Force Infectiology" at the LGL, added: "The risk of infection from an infection with the novel corona virus (nCoV) has not yet been scientifically researched. According to the "Task Force Infectiology", the risk of infection for the population as a result of this virus, according to the current level of knowledge, is low. Nevertheless, the usual precautionary measures are recommended - for example, a thorough hand washing after a bus or subway ride. "