

Luca Mertens nimmt gerade in Zypern an einem Projekt im Rahmen des Europäischen Solidaritätskorps teil. Wie sich die Corona-Krise auf seinen Aufenthalt auswirkt, berichtet er hier. Wir wünschen ihm alles Gute für seinen weiteren Aufenthalt!



"Volunteering during the corona crisis.

Hi, my name is Luca and I want to share my experience as a volunteer during the corona virus crisis. First of all, I am a volunteer in cyprus and here since the 3. february. The virus arrived pretty late in this country. The first case was confirmed on the 9th march. The Island reacted very fast and intense. They immediantly closed all schools and one week later all shops, bars and clubs except the supermarkets and the pharmacies. Some restaurants are still open aswell but only for delivery or take away. Until then I was working in a primary school, but they are closed now so I am looking for another way to use my time. Compared to other countries, cyprus seems pretty safe. Anyway one girl of our project decided to go back home because she wants to be with her family during this unsafe times. We now decided some rules for our apartment to avoid getting and spreading the virus. For example, only close friends can visit us in our apartment. We are trying to avoid going out, but according to the fact that we are many people in our apartment, we have to leave the apartment some times to get a clear mind. I am a bit worried about my family in my home country. If one of them gets sick, I am not sure if it is possible for me to go back to them because the airport could be closed then. Thats also a reason why some of us are thinking about going back home. I am also a bit sad that now I can't go out in bars or clubs because threw this I used to meet new people here in cyprus. Anyway the mood is still allright and thats the most important. I hope that it will be over fast so that I can continue with my volunteering service."

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