

Mayor Dirk Lukrafka: "Trust yourself, trust others and follow the given rules."

Mayor Dirk Lukrafka takes the upcoming Easter holidays and the currently rising infection figures in the district of Mettmann as an opportunity to once again address the citizens of Velbert: "My concern is currently the further rising infection figures in the district of Mettmann and also here in Velbert. For many of us, the upcoming Easter holidays actually mean spending time with the family. However, right now it is especially important that we adhere to the prescribed measures to contain the coronavirus. The mutations have given the pandemic a new dynamic, especially recently. In the meantime, many younger citizens have also become seriously ill, and the infection rate in this age group has increased. We are in a special and difficult situation, the worry of being infected affects each and every one of us. We need to generate a reversal of the trend as soon as possible to achieve the openings that we all want. The contagions are not mainly a problem of the public sphere, but also take place in private. Therefore, my express request to you: it is our solidary duty, out of consideration for our fellow human beings, to reduce our social contacts to a minimum. By this I mean, above all, to keep the circle of contacts as small as possible.

In addition, make use of the offer of the free test centers in the district of Mettmann. In Velbert, we now have ten of these testing opportunities. On the websites of the district and the city of Velbert, you will find information on the various offers. Again, my appeal: get tested so that infections can be detected in time, the virus does not spread further and incidences go down.

I know that pandemic fatigue is now pervasive, but we must now stand strong together to protect ourselves and everyone else. We depend on the discipline of all citizens to achieve this common goal. Trust yourself, trust others, and follow the rules set in place."