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More proportionality and a broader perspective – Coronavirus Expert Committee issues second statement

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Data and fact monitoring with epidemiological, medical, economic and social indicators shall ensure balance and proportionality

The state government has issued the following statement:

Following the meetings in its 6th session last week, the Coronavirus Expert Committee appointed by Minister President Armin Laschet issued its second statement on Monday, 4 May 2020, under the title "Looking at the big picture – ensuring proportionality – avoiding medical, economic and social hardship".

In this statement the Expert Committee states that the rate of infection has slowed significantly, and the situation faced by the healthcare system has stabilised. Against this backdrop, the government is called to determine whether inhibitive measures can be lifted or at least alleviated. State measures for restricting basic rights can only be justified for urgent epidemiological reasons, and must sufficiently consider the medical, economic and social damage caused by the lockdown.

In order to comprehensively and multidimensionally steer the gradual return to social and public life, the Expert Committee makes the case for the creation of a transparent and broad information base to be created via data and fact monitoring (dashboard). This dashboard should demonstratively compile and present epidemiological, medical, economic and social aspects.

"Political action in the coronavirus crisis is about constant consideration," says Minister President Armin Laschet. "It is not enough to focus on epidemiological or virological connections. We have to broaden our perspective in all aspects. We need closely interlinked

monitoring of epidemiological, medical, economic and social developments. The dashboard suggested by the Expert Committee is an important innovation that will help us responsibly return to normal."

Note: *Please find attached the statement from the Coronavirus Expert Committee of the State Government of North Rhine-Westphalia, as well as the list of indicators / from the Expert Committee to control the coronavirus crisis and avoid medical and social hardship*

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