

## Bensheim Site Gets Ready to Ramp Up Again

Yesterday at 5:30 a.m. Bensheim brought parts of its Supply Chain employees back to work. The colleagues started off the day with an infection prevention training, which was held in the canteen and in other rooms. This, of course, involved strict compliance with the new infection prevention directives. Employees are required to keep a distance of at least 1.5 - 2 meters from each other, wear masks, which were distributed at the entrance, and use hand disinfectants frequently. The infection prevention directives were also prominently displayed as large-format posters throughout the production facility.

The Supply Chain colleagues in Bensheim found themselves well acquainted with the new infection prevention guidelines, according to the impressions of Managing Director & Vice President Operations Jan Siefert: "I have received consistently positive feedback from our colleagues after their first day at work, in compliance with the new guidelines. They appreciate that the health of the employees is a top priority at Dentsply Sirona. Even though the new working mode is associated with restrictions, such as the discontinuation of the joint lunch breaks in the canteen, the spirit of optimism and happiness over the resumption of the production process surpass these circumstances."

A big "thank you" also goes to the site management team in Bensheim, says Siefert. The preparations for the smooth resumption of the production operations had taken four days, during which the production machines had to be ramped up in stages.

The guidelines for infection prevention were drawn up in collaboration with the Dentsply Sirona EHS Global Team, based on recommendations from the Robert Koch Institute and the World Health Organization.

The Bensheim site ramp up plans for the coming weeks provide a gradual return into a new working environment. For example, a division per departments into different teams, shifts and working weeks is being considered and discussed to have as few people as possible in the same place at the same time. All these measures are intended to ensure compliance with the government's infection prevention directives.

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