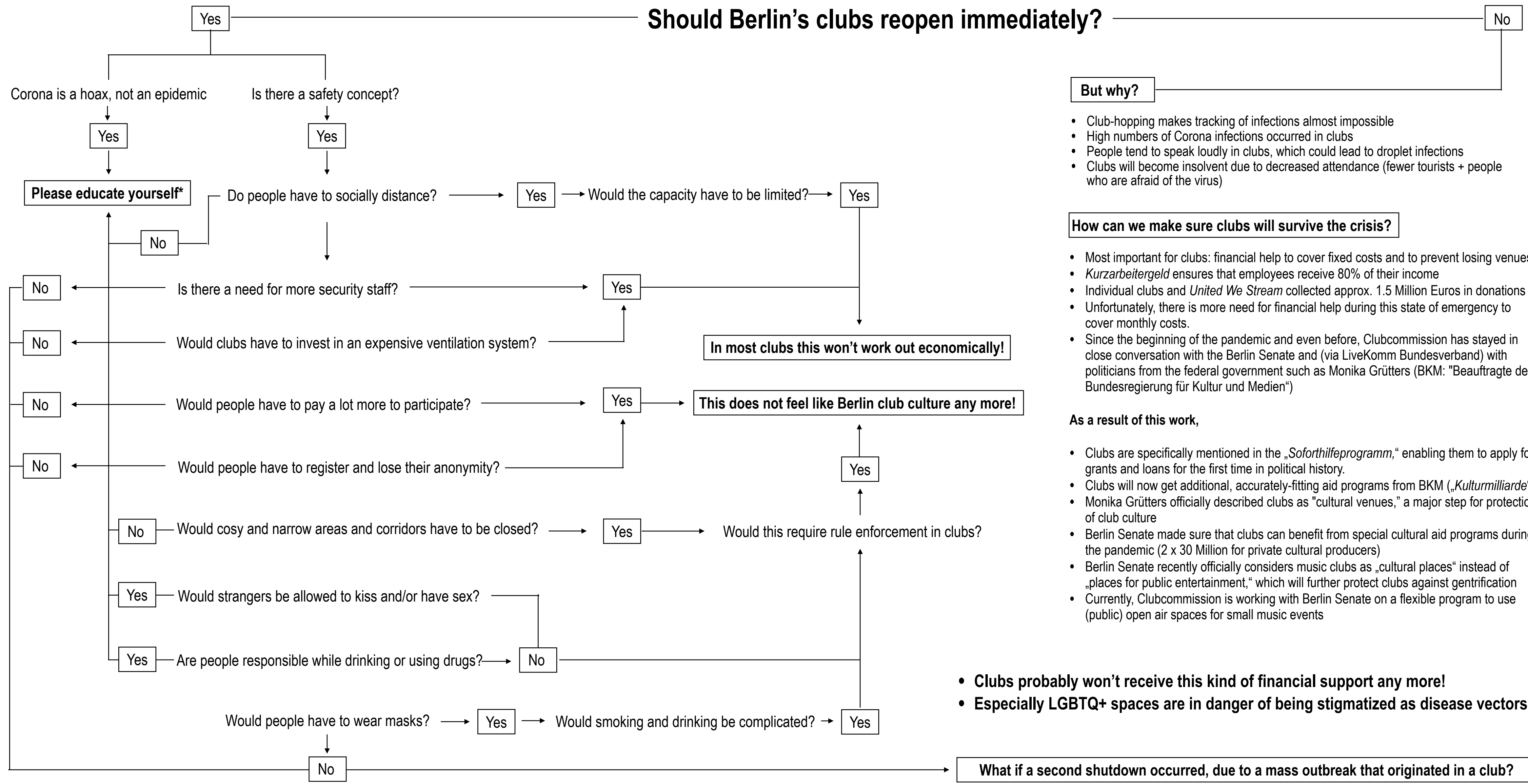


Should Berlin's clubs reopen immediately?



But why?

- Club-hopping makes tracking of infections almost impossible
- High numbers of Corona infections occurred in clubs
- People tend to speak loudly in clubs, which could lead to droplet infections
- Clubs will become insolvent due to decreased attendance (fewer tourists + people who are afraid of the virus)

How can we make sure clubs will survive the crisis?

- Most important for clubs: financial help to cover fixed costs and to prevent losing venues
- *Kurzarbeitergeld* ensures that employees receive 80% of their income
- Individual clubs and *United We Stream* collected approx. 1.5 Million Euros in donations
- Unfortunately, there is more need for financial help during this state of emergency to cover monthly costs.
- Since the beginning of the pandemic and even before, Clubcommission has stayed in close conversation with the Berlin Senate and (via LiveKomm Bundesverband) with politicians from the federal government such as Monika Grütters (BKM: "Beauftragte der Bundesregierung für Kultur und Medien")

As a result of this work,

- Clubs are specifically mentioned in the „Soforthilfeprogramm,“ enabling them to apply for grants and loans for the first time in political history.
- Clubs will now get additional, accurately-fitting aid programs from BKM („Kulturmilliarde“)
- Monika Grütters officially described clubs as "cultural venues," a major step for protection of club culture
- Berlin Senate made sure that clubs can benefit from special cultural aid programs during the pandemic (2 x 30 Million for private cultural producers)
- Berlin Senate recently officially considers music clubs as „cultural places“ instead of „places for public entertainment,“ which will further protect clubs against gentrification
- Currently, Clubcommission is working with Berlin Senate on a flexible program to use (public) open air spaces for small music events

- **Clubs probably won't receive this kind of financial support any more!**
- **Especially LGBTQ+ spaces are in danger of being stigmatized as disease vectors!**

What if a second shutdown occurred, due to a mass outbreak that originated in a club?

* we are not experts in virology or epidemiology, so we have to base our decisions on current scientific knowledge about Covid19