Osaka University activity levels will be maintained at the current level from 1 November.

21 October 2020

To all Osaka University Staff and Students,

Notice regarding Osaka University's activities (1 November - 30 November)

As detailed below, Osaka University activity levels will remain unchanged from 1 November. We would like to ask for thorough compliance regarding the current activity levels.

Additionally, we ask you to take appropriate countermeasures (wearing a mask, social distancing, etc.) when engaging in the following activities to prevent the spread of the infection, as described in the Osaka University Guidelines for Social Distancing in the COVID-19 Era (established 9 July 2020).

Thank you for your attention,

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Osaka University's university activity levels for 1 November – 30 November

(1) Lectures/classes Level 0.3	・Face-to-face lectures will now be permitted for all students (graduate and undergraduate) so long as appropriate infection countermeasures are taken (e.g., wearing a mask, adhering to classroom capacities*). *Practice spaced seating and keep room occupants at 2/3 capacity or below. (If you sit at a three-seater desk, leave the middle seat unoccupied and sit at both ends.) ・Online lectures should be used in conjunction with face-to-face lectures. ・Use of university network access points is permitted.

(2) Research Level 0.5	・Research and laboratory work may be implemented as normal (limit time spent in research labs to as short as possible; research activities may also be carried out at home). ・Though research guidance in seminar, etc., format is recommended to be held online, if meeting face-to-face, all participating members are to wear a face mask, practice spaced seating, and keep room occupants at 2/3 capacity or below. ・Fieldwork is possible as long as travel restrictions set by the government are taken into consideration.
(3) Administration Level 0	・Staff is to resume normal office activities. ・Telework and shifted working hours may continue to be applied.
(4) Meetings/events Level 0.5	・Though meetings held at the university are recommended to be held online whenever possible, if meeting face-to-face, all participating members are to wear a face mask, practice spaced seating, and keep room occupants at 2/3 capacity or below. ・Though events are recommended to be held online whenever possible, if meeting face-to-face, keep room occupants at 1/2 capacity or below. ・Face-to-face meetings/events hosted outside the university must adhere to the current situation and governmental regulations of the area/region the meeting/event is being held in. ・When participating in face-to-face meetings/events outside the university (within Japan), consider the state of infection and travel restrictions set by the government in that area.
(5) Common use facilities/infrastructure Level 2	・Libraries will open, though will restrict certain services and visiting hours. Those unaffiliated with Osaka University are not authorized to enter the libraries.
Level 2	・Commons will open, but user numbers will be restricted.
Level 1	・Inter-campus Shuttle Buses will operate with mask rules and passenger limits.
(6)Extracurricular activities Level 2	・Certain group activities will be permitted.

Level 0 (normal university activities) – Level 5 (complete cessation of activities)

Consider arrangements for those with special needs*

* those with special needs are defined as pregnant women, those with underlying medical disorders or who are prone to serious illness (those with diabetes, cardiac failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease or other respiratory diseases; those on dialysis; those treated with immunosuppressants or anticancer drugs; the elderly, etc.), or others who need special consideration, such as those who face anxiety related to COVID-19.

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