

Extracurricular activity levels will be further restricted from 19 November. Abstain from holding meetings while eating and drinking in groups, which increases the risk of infection.

Levels for other activities will remain unchanged until 31 December.

18 November 2020

To all Osaka University Staff and Students,

Notice regarding Osaka University's activities (19 November - 31 December)

COVID-19 has been spreading rapidly throughout Japan, and a cluster infection has broken out at Osaka University due to members of an extracurricular activity club eating and drinking together in large numbers.

Once again, we ask you to be aware of what effects you may have on your surroundings and the people you interact with should you become infected or are deemed to have had close contact with someone who has been infected. Whether on-campus or in your daily life, we ask you to refrain from behaviors that put you at risk of infection.

Although the university activity levels had been set until 30 November, in view of the current situation we have decided to further restrict extracurricular activity levels (see next page for details) as of 19 November.

All other activity levels will remain unchanged until 31 December.

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).

If you have been infected with COVID-19 or if a health care center deems that you have had close contact with someone who has been infected, you are requested to immediately contact the faculty/school/graduate school/center you are affiliated with by phone, etc. Also be sure to follow the instructions from your health care center.

Furthermore, on 16 November Osaka Prefecture made the following requests to universities:

- Be sure to wear masks and properly ventilate workspaces/classrooms.
- Refrain from talking in break rooms, smoking areas, changing rooms, etc. while your mask is removed.
- Encourage employees to stagger their leave during the Year End/New Year holidays.

Reference: Official Webpage of Osaka Prefecture.

(http://www.pref.osaka.lg.jp/attach/38112/00000000/3-1_yousei.pdf) (link in Japanese)

Thank you for your attention,

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Osaka University's university activity levels for 19 November – 31 December

<p>(1) Lectures/classes Level 0.3</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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*).<li style="padding-left: 40px;">*Practice spaced seating and keep room occupants at 2/3 capacity or below.<li style="padding-left: 40px;">(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.
<p>(2) Research Level 0.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 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.
<p>(3) Administration Level 0</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Staff is to resume normal office activities.• Telework and shifted working hours may continue to be applied.

<p>(4) Meetings/events Level 0.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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.
<p>(5) Common use facilities/infrastructure Level 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Libraries will open, though will restrict certain services and visiting hours. Those unaffiliated with Osaka University are not authorized to enter the libraries.
<p>Level 2</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Commons will open, but user numbers will be restricted.
<p>Level 1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inter-campus Shuttle Buses will operate with mask rules and passenger limits.
<p>(6) Extracurricular activities <u>Level 2.5</u> <u>(raised from 19 November)</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Certain group activities will be permitted. • <u>Abstain from holding meetings while eating and drinking in groups, which increases the risk of infection.</u>

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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