

1. As we expect Osaka Prefecture to lift the state-of-emergency declaration as of 21 May, we are moving forward toward gradually returning our university activities to normal based on the matters laid out in the president's 19 May notice.
2. Some university activities will change from 25 May coinciding with Osaka University's COVID-19 response levels. Additionally, please thoroughly practice all prevention measures laid out in the Standard Policies for the Prevention of Infection at Osaka University.

21 May 2020

To all Osaka University Staff and Students,

Notice regarding Osaka University's activities (25 May – 31 May)

As we expect Osaka Prefecture to lift the state-of-emergency declaration as of 21 May, we are moving forward toward gradually returning our university activities to normal based on the matters laid out in the president's notice, "Osaka University's response to the newest emergency measures set by Osaka Prefecture," released 19 May.

In line with this, some university activities will change. We would like to ask for everyone's cooperation for the new levels set for university activities (outlined below).

In addition, Standard Policies for the Prevention of Infection at Osaka University (Outline) was formulated based on the standard measures set by Osaka Prefecture. Please thoroughly practice all measures laid out in this policy to prevent the spread of infection as we move to resume university activities.

Thank you for your attention,

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I. Osaka University's COVID-19 response levels (25 May – 31 May)

1. Lectures/classes Level 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All classes are to be conducted online. • Arrangements for students who cannot take online classes are to be implemented at a later date.
2. Academic staff/researcher activities Level 3.0 (lowered from <u>25 May</u>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coming to a campus will be permitted when the purpose is related to online classes. • Suspended research is resumed. • Avoid gathering in large groups for seminars/journal clubs, etc.
3. Administrative staff Level 3.0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Only the minimum number of staff required to maintain the status quo will be permitted on campuses. • By shifting working hours/utilizing telework, the percentage of those on campuses is to be set at around 50%.
4. Meetings, etc. Level 4.0 (lowered from <u>27 May</u>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meetings of less than 10 permitted. • Meetings with 10 or more are to be held online (this includes observers).
5. Students Level 3.0 (lowered from <u>25 May</u>)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Undergraduates are not to come to the university.*1 • Master course students are not to come to the university.*2 • Doctor course students may resume suspended research.
6. Extracurricular activities Level 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All extracurricular activities are suspended until further notice.

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

*1 First-year undergraduate students are permitted to come to the university to attend an orientation session.

Undergraduate students are permitted to come to campus to use on-campus university network access points after they have been set up to participate in online classes.

*2 If it becomes difficult for doctor course students to deal with the influx of students when undergraduate and graduate students are assigned to new labs/research groups in regards to their reopening, master course students will be permitted to come to the university to assist under the management of supervisors while keeping the percentage of students coming to the university

at a reduced rate of 70% and practicing social distancing.

II. Potential outlook after 1 June

Although changes to the state of affairs due to government restrictions or the university's COVID-19 situation are a possibility, the current process as laid out below will, in general, be followed as is. More details will follow in further notices.

1. Lectures/classes

- In general, all classes are to be conducted online for the Spring and Summer Terms.
- Regarding experiments/practical training, only sessions that are difficult to postpone, such as those required for the national examination qualification, can be implemented from June.
- On-campus university network access points will be made available as soon as they are ready for those coming to campuses for online classes or experiments/practical training.
- Classes using classroom format (for lectures) will be implemented in the graduate school (limited to classes with fewer students) aiming for the middle of June.

2. Academic staff/researcher activities

- From around 3 June, regular research activities shall resume.
- After the resumption of regular research activities, research guidance (seminars, etc.), shall also resume upon guaranteeing attendee safety and after all members form a consensus.

3. Administrative staff

- The proportion of employees going to work will be gradually increased, but the use of shifted working hours and telework will continue.

4. Meetings, etc.

- While face-to-face meetings will be permitted as we ease back to normalcy, online meetings are recommended if at all feasible.

5. Students

- In line with the resumption of research, university entrance restrictions shall be lifted for master course students from around 1 June and undergraduate students in their final year from around 3 June.
- Regarding experiments/practical training, only sessions that are difficult to postpone, such as those required for the national examination qualification,

can be implemented from June. However, those Subjects and the period in which they can have sessions will be posted to KOAN, etc., as soon as a schedule is set.

- Regarding the status of whether or not students other than those mentioned above can come to the university, restrictions on returning to campus will be lifted after careful consideration of the infection rate of the city and the public transportation system used for commuting to the university (once the schedule for lifting restrictions has been decided, it will be announced on KOAN, etc.).

6. Extracurricular activities

- All activities are to cease until students are able to return to the university as normal.

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