

**Guidelines for Social Distancing in the COVID-19 Era have been established. Additionally, university activity levels will change starting 13 July, relaxing requests for restraint regarding room capacity and extracurricular activities.**

9 July 2020

To all Osaka University Staff and Students,

**Notice regarding Osaka University's activities (13 July - 10 August 2020)  
and  
Osaka University Guidelines for Social Distancing in the COVID-19 Era**

Infection prevention measures against COVID-19 for basic activities and general rules defining social distancing at Osaka University have been established (the Osaka University Guidelines for Social Distancing in the COVID-19 Era, attached) until vaccinations, medications, and treatment are developed; rules and regulations are changed, and approaches to COVID-19 can be the same as those for seasonal influenza and related viral outbreaks.

It remains necessary for all members of Osaka University to comply with this guideline to continue the education and research of the university, even if an infected person is discovered on campus. We will proceed with the relaxation of the university activity levels under the assumption that these guidelines are properly adhered to.

Additionally, university activity levels will change from 13 July. We would like to ask for everyone's cooperation with the level change, adherence to the new guidelines, and any action taken regarding the arrangements for those having specific needs.\*

If any changes occur to the university activity levels, further notifications will be sent.

\* 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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## Osaka University's university activity levels for 13 July – 10 August

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| <p>1. Lectures/classes<br/> <u>Level 0.5</u><br/> <u>(lowered from 13 July)</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• All classes will be online as a general rule.</li> <li>• Face-to-face lectures are permitted for classes related to graduate subjects and undergraduate major subjects (third years+ only). Upon request, other subjects may also be permitted to resume (for that subject only).</li> <li>• Face-to-face practical training, laboratory work, seminars, etc., are permitted for classes related to graduate subjects and undergraduate major subjects. Upon request, other subjects may also be permitted to resume (for that subject only).</li> <li>• <u>When holding face-to-face lectures, practical training, laboratory work, and seminars, all participating members are to wear a face mask, practice spaced seating, and keep room occupants at 2/3 capacity or below.*1</u></li> </ul> <p><u>*1 e.g. If you sit at a three-seater desk, leave the middle seat unoccupied and sit at both ends.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use of university network access points is permitted.</li> </ul> |
| <p>2. Research<br/> <u>Level 0.5</u><br/> <u>(lowered from 13 July)</u></p>         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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).</li> <li>• Though research guidance in seminar, etc., format is recommended to be held online whenever possible, <u>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.</u></li> <li>• Fieldwork is possible as long as travel restrictions set by the government are taken into consideration.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>3. Administration<br/> Level 0</p>   | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Staff is to resume normal office activities.</li> <li>• Telework and shifted working hours may continue to be applied.</li> </ul>   |
| <p>4. Meetings/events<br/> <u>Level 0.5</u><br/> <u>(lowered from 13 July)</u></p>  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Though meetings held at the university are recommended to be held online whenever possible, <u>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.</u></li> <li>• Though events are recommended to be held online whenever possible, if meeting face-to-face, keep room occupants at 1/2 capacity or below.</li> <li>• Face-to-face meetings/events hosted outside the</li> </ul>  |

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|   | <p>university must adhere to the current situation and governmental regulations of the area/region the meeting/event is being held in.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 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.</li> </ul>       |
| <p>5. Common use facilities/infrastructure<br/>Level 2</p>                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Libraries will open, though will restrict certain services and visiting hours. Those unaffiliated with Osaka University are not authorized to enter the libraries.</li> <li>• Commons will open, but user numbers will be restricted.</li> <li>• Inter-campus Shuttle Buses will be in operation, though will limit passenger numbers.</li> </ul> |
| <p>6. Extracurricular activities<br/><u>Level 2</u><br/><u>(lowered from 13 July)</u></p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <u>Certain group activities will be permitted.</u></li> </ul>   |

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

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