

In view of the spread of COVID-19 infection in the city, thorough action to prevent the spread of infection is requested (e.g. refraining from having meal with multiple people).

Additionally, assuming that such thorough adherence is followed, Osaka University activity levels after 11 August will be maintained at the current levels.

30 July 2020

To all Osaka University Staff and Students,

**Notice regarding a request for thorough action to prevent the spread of infection
and
Osaka University's activities (11 August - 30 September 2020)**

COVID-19 has spread nationwide, and cluster infections have been confirmed at multiple universities.

Therefore, we would like to ask for thorough compliance as described in 1. Actions to Prevent the Spread of Infection.

In addition, Osaka University activity levels after 11 August will continue to remain at the current levels, assuming that thorough adherence is followed. Your cooperation is appreciated.

However, activity levels may be revised if there are significant changes in the social situation, including if the Osaka model's* "emergency situation (red stage)" is announced. If any changes occur to the university activity levels, further notifications will be sent.

*Osaka model: the Osaka prefectural government's policies concerning requests for voluntary business restrictions/suspensions and/or travel restrictions.

1. Actions to Prevent the Spread of Infection

- Take measures to prevent the spread of infection both on and off university grounds by practicing social distancing, wearing a mask, and washing hands.

In addition, do not allow staff or students who feel sick to come to the university. Those who feel sick and/or have any symptoms should have a medical examination.

(Please refer to "Osaka University Guidelines for Social Distancing in the COVID-19 Era," established on 9 July 2020)

- As infections due to those eating/drinking in groups have been reported, refrain from having meals with multiple people. The Osaka prefectural government has requested its citizens to refrain from eating/drinking in groups of five or more people.

During meals, infection can be prevented by avoiding sitting face-to-face at tables without a shield and refraining from talking.

- Actively use telework, shifted working hours, and online meetings to minimize contact with others.

○ Take adequate measures to prevent infection when participating in extracurricular activities.

Additionally, since cases of infection related to extracurricular activities have been discovered at other universities, a seminar on infection prevention measures for extracurricular activity groups will be held on 1 August (Saturday). Notifications will be sent to each group.

○ Please note that the Osaka prefectural government has made the following request to the university:

- To prevent the spread of infection,
- only use facilities/enter businesses that display a “declaration of infection prevention sticker.”
 - register with the Osaka COVID-19 Tracing System to prevent the spread of infection after entering the facility/place of business.
 - install and register COCOA (the national government’s contact confirming App).

Thank you for your attention,

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2. Osaka University’s university activity levels for 11 August – 30 September (No change from current levels)

<p>(1) Lectures/classes Level 0.5</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• All classes will be online as a general rule.• 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).• 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).• 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 <p>*1 e.g. If you sit at a three-seater desk, leave the middle seat</p>
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	<p>unoccupied and sit at both ends.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use of university network access points is permitted.
(2) Research Level 0.5	<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 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. • Fieldwork is possible as long as travel restrictions set by the government are taken into consideration.
(3) Administration Level 0	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff is to resume normal office activities. • Telework and shifted working hours may continue to be applied.
(4) Meetings/events Level 0.5	<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.
(5) Common use facilities/infrastructure Level 2	<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. • Commons will open, but user numbers will be restricted. • Inter-campus Shuttle Buses will be in operation, though will limit passenger numbers.
(6) Extracurricular activities Level 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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