

This is to notify Osaka University's response to the lifting of state of emergency and taking place of quasi-emergency measures. Considering requests from Osaka Prefecture and the infection status on campus, all activity levels have been changed to level 1 (levels for extracurricular activities have been changed to level 2).

21 June 2021

To all Osaka University Staff and Students,

Osaka University's Activity Levels (21 June - 11 July) in Response to Osaka Prefecture's Designation as a Region for Stricter Adherence to Infection Prevention Measures (i.e. implementation of quasi-emergency measures)

State of emergency for Osaka Prefecture was lifted on 20 June, and quasi-emergency measures are remained in place from 21 June.

Considering requests from Osaka Prefecture and the current infection status on campus, all activity levels have been changed to level 1 (levels for extracurricular activities have been changed to level 2).

For your own safety and the safety of those around you, avoid engaging in high-risk activities with others and bear in mind the importance of avoiding becoming infected or infecting others.

Thank you for your attention,

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Response Policy

1. Osaka University's activities (21 June – 11 July)

<p>(1) Lectures/classes <u>Level 1</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Lectures will now be held face-to-face</u> for all students (graduate and undergraduate) so long as appropriate infection countermeasures are taken (e.g., wearing a mask, adhering to classroom capacities* washing hands with soap or alcohol-based hand sanitizer, ventilation). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Practice spaced seating and keep room occupants at 2/3 capacity or below. • <u>Online lectures should be used effectively in conjunction with face-to-face lectures.</u>
<p>(2) Research <u>Level 1</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Research and laboratory work may be implemented as normal (research activities may also be carried out at home). • If held face-to-face, all participating members are to adhere to infection prevention countermeasures (e.g., wearing a mask, adhering to classroom capacities*, washing hands with soap or alcohol-based hand sanitizer, ventilation). <ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Practice spaced seating and keep room occupants at 2/3 capacity or below. • <u>Fieldwork is possible as long as travel restrictions set by the government are taken into consideration.</u>
<p>(3) Administration <u>Level 1</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Percentage of telework, etc. to be set around 30% to minimize direct interaction with others.</u> • Use shifted working hours based on staff members' commuting methods to minimize direct interactions with others.
<p>(4) Meetings/events <u>Level 1</u></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> *Make appropriate decisions and utilize online events. • If an on-campus meeting must be held face-to-face, room occupants should be kept at 2/3 capacity or below. All participants must wear a mask and practice spaced seating. • If an on-campus event must be held face-to-face, room occupants should be kept at 1/2 capacity or below. Necessary infection prevention countermeasures should be taken. • If you plan on holding in an in-person event off campus (within Japan), events may be held with 1/2 capacity or below and 5,000 people or fewer. • <u>If you plan on participating in an in-person event off campus (within Japan), consider the state of infection and travel restrictions set by the government in that area.</u>

<p>(5) Extracurricular activities <u>Level 2</u></p>	<p>* A separate announcement with more details will be made by the Department of Education and Student Affairs.</p> <p>General activities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Only activities with a low risk of infection are permitted while adhering to infection prevention measures.</u> <p>Events, matches, overnight trips</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Generally, events and matches requiring overnight accommodation are to cease (decisions regarding held events hosted by an association or federation that require participation will be made separately).</u> • Overnight trips are not permitted. <p>Eating and drinking together</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Abstain from holding meetings while eating and drinking in groups, which increases the risk of infection.
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Level 0 (normal university activities) – Level 5 (complete cessation of activities)

Consider arrangements for those with special needs*⁴

*⁴those 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.

2. Infection prevention countermeasures

(1) Countermeasures to observe while on campus

- Be sure you and anyone you closely interact with are wearing face masks outside of buildings, and wear a face mask at all times within buildings.
- Eat alone, or refrain from speaking while not wearing a mask when eating with others
- If you feel sick, do not come to campus.
- Wash your hands or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer when entering buildings.
- Avoid the three C's (closed spaces with poor ventilation, crowded places with many people, and close-contact).

(2) Daily activities

- Refrain from taking the following activities:

- Activities with high-risk of COVID-19 clusters including extracurricular activities, activities where many people may interact, and eating and drinking before or after such activities
 - Drinking and eating at home or friend's house, during the travel (include overnight trips)
- Refrain from any unnecessary or non-urgent outings
- Refrain from any unnecessary or non-urgent travel between prefectures, especially travel to and from the state of emergency declared areas
- Avoid restaurants and other establishments that do not adhere to infection prevention measures
- If you eat with others, do not do so in groups of 3 or more* and always wear a mask when speaking with others**
 - * This does not apply to your family, infants, children, caregivers for the elderly and people with disabilities
 - ** This does not apply if the individual is difficult to wear a mask due to illness, etc.
- Refrain from gathering in groups and drink in public places (on streets, in parks, etc.)
- Even if you only have slight symptoms, get tested immediately

Contact

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