

Jan 8th, 2021

To all Directors,

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Revision of the Tohoku University Emergency Action Plan (BCP)
and upgrading to Level 2

Since December, there have been a number of confirmed cases of infection on campus, and on January 7, a state of emergency was declared in Tokyo and three other prefectures in the Tokyo metropolitan area. As a result, we have partially reviewed the BCP, and as of today, January 8, the BCP have been raised to Level 2 to strengthen countermeasures.

I would like to request that each department conducts activities according to “Tohoku University Emergency Action Plan (BCP)” and thoroughly prevent the spread of infection.

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Tohoku University Emergency Action Plan (BCP) for Preventing Spread of COVID-19 Infection (Revised Version)

2020. 4. 7 enactment
 2020. 7. 21 revision
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 2021. 1. 8 revision

The decision to move a stage (level) is determined by the task force, taking into account the overall situation of the country, the region and the campus.

This Action Plan applies to all faculties in principle. Each department or area head can set the level deemed appropriate to the situation.

LV	Standard	Research Activities	Classes	Business Trip	Internal Meetings	Student extracurricular activities	Student Travel	Events (Held by TU)	Administrative management system
0		Normal Operation	Normal Operation	Normal Operation	Normal Operation	Normal Operation	Normal Operation	Normal Operation	Normal Operation
1	A domestic infection has been confirmed.	Research activities can be carried out by implementing thorough infection prevention measures through each department's management system.	With adequate infection prevention measures in place, the classes will be conducted through a combination of face-to-face instruction and online instruction.	Check the infection status at the business trip location and take extra care in your activities.	In-person meetings can take place with the thorough measures to prevent the spread of infection. Online meetings are encouraged.	Extracurricular activities are permitted with the utmost care to prevent the spread of infection.	Refrain from unnecessary travel. If you are returning home, you should take care to check the infection status in the area you are returning to.	Events and activities can be held provided adequate measures to prevent the spread of infection are taken.	Usual business can take place with thorough measures to prevent the spread of infection. Depending on the nature of the work, staggered work hours and 10-30% telecommuting are recommended.
2	The government has declared a state of emergency outside of Miyagi Prefecture, and certain restrictions have been imposed.	Thorough infection prevention measures through departmental control systems can help you conduct your research activities, but we encourage you to spend less time in the workplace and work at home.	In principle, classes are conducted online. In cases where face-to-face sessions are essential for regular examinations, dissertation examinations, and practical skills, experiments, and training courses, face-to-face sessions may be conducted with sufficient infection prevention measures in place.	Refrain from unnecessary business trips to areas where the infection is spreading.	Face-to-face meetings will be kept to a minimum, and in principle, we recommend online meetings.	In principle, prohibited	Refrain from going to areas where the infection has spread.	In principle, online. However, if the nature of the event requires a face-to-face session and permission has been obtained from the head of the department, the session can be conducted face-to-face in accordance with the guidelines for holding events.	While taking substantive steps to prevent infection, staggered shifts and 30% telecommuting is recommended provided the nature of the work allows.
3	A state of emergency was declared in Miyagi Prefecture by the government, and certain restrictions were imposed.	Although research activities can be carried out by thorough infection prevention measures under each department's control system, only laboratory staff who enter the laboratory are allowed to work in the laboratory, and the rest of the laboratory personnel must work at home.	Online lectures only	Only when it is absolutely necessary for business and permission from the department head has been obtained	In principle, online conferences only	Prohibited	In principle, prohibited	In principle, online.	Permission is granted to delay some work and to handle it after the fact, and depending on the nature of the work, staggered working hours and about 50% of staff will telecommute.
4	The infection is spreading continuously on our campus.	Research activities will be limited to the minimum number of activities, and interviews with other visitors will be avoided by taking turns.	Online lectures only	In principle, prohibited	Online conferences only	Prohibited	In principle, prohibited	Postponement or cancellation	The number of employees will be kept to a minimum to continue important ongoing administrative duties, and the number of employees will be lessened by shortening shifts. All other employees shall, in principle, telecommute. This means 70-80% of staff shall telecommute.

5	The infection is spreading explosively on our campus.	In order to maintain a minimum level of university functions, laboratory staff may enter laboratories briefly only with permission from the departmental head or other organizational representative. In principle, staff should enter in shifts and refrain from meeting unnecessary personnel.	Online lectures only (However, staff will prohibited from conducting classes on campus)	In principle, prohibited	Online conferences only	Prohibited	In principle, prohibited	Postponement or cancellation	As a general rule, employees are required to telecommute except for urgent tasks that require them to come to work.
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● Warning information for COVID-19

(We'll update the warning information as needed.)

- * These restrictions do not apply to coronavirus-related medical staff and researchers.
- * TU BCP may be revised at any time due to changes in the phase of infection, situation etc.
- * Please consult with the office in charge of your department regarding overseas travel.
- * Please refer to various guidelines;
 - <Research Activities>Management system for infection prevention measures in each department (2020.May 11th)
 - <Classes>The New Form of Classes in Response to the New Normal
Guidelines for Class at BCP Level 1 and 2(2021.Jan 8th)
 - <Entrance Examinations> Guidelines for entrance examinations in response to COVID-19(2020.Oct.29th)
 - <Student extracurricular activities >Guidelines for Extracurricular Activities (2020.July 3rd)
 - <Volunteer activities>Guidelines for Volunteer activities (2020.August 5th)
 - <Dormitory> Guidelines for Residents on Preventing COVID-19 Infection (2020.June 26th)
 - <Events> Guidelines Regarding the Prevention of Coronavirus Infections at Events (2020.June 12th)
 - <Library> Open hours