

February 18, 2021 [to all students and faculty members of Tenri University]

## About the 2021-2022 Spring Semester Class

Tenri University Novel Coronavirus Emergency Response Headquarters  
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A meeting was held by the Novel Coronavirus Emergency Response Headquarters at our university, and several things were decided and revised as seen below. This decision will be applied from February 9, 2021.

### 1. The activity guidelines are revised

Tenri University has established activity guidelines for the university in relation to the spread of the novel coronavirus infection. Currently, the spread of infectious disease is being relatively suppressed, but the situation continues to require careful attention. Although there are many unclear points regarding this infectious disease, we have accumulated knowledge through various studies and experiences, as well as practices at our university. In consideration of the above situation, we have revised the activity guidelines at the Emergency Response Headquarters meeting.

The Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare stated in the “Q&A on the novel coronavirus (for the general public)” (as of February 6, 2021) that, “from the knowledge so far, there are almost no cases where the infection has spread from the school to the community, so schools should protect learning opportunities, and requested all schools not to completely shut down, but (instead) take thorough infection prevention measures.”

In addition, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology announced to each university in “Thorough efforts to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus infection in universities, etc. (dissemination)” (January 29, 2021), that “it calls for securing students’ learning opportunities while taking sufficient measures against infection on campus.”

In fact, at Tenri University, the infection of the novel coronavirus did not spread in face-to-face classes during the second semester of the 2020-2021 school year.

On the other hand, in extracurricular activities, attention is given to activities with a high risk of infection. Therefore, Tenri University has reviewed the activity standards of the University and decided to make classes face-to-face in principle.

Tenri University activity guideline in relation to the spread of COVID-19 (Revised edition as of Feb. 9, 2021)

Item / Level		Phase I	Phase II	Phase III	Phase IV
Social situation		Spread of infection generally suppressed	Period before infection spreads	Period of infection spreading	Period of wide infection
		Infection has subsided in Nara, Osaka, and Kyoto	Nara is suppressed, but expansion is seen in Osaka and Kyoto	Infection spreading in Nara, and infection is prevalent in Osaka or Kyoto	Infection is prevalent in Nara, Osaka, and Kyoto
Class form (Undergraduate) *Graduate school will decide individually according to the programs		In principle face-to-face			
		Lectures, seminars, and practicum conducted face-to-face, taking protective measures against infection			Lectures, seminars, and practicum conducted face-to-face, taking maximum protective measures against infection
Student entrance		Only students who have been monitoring their health condition for two weeks, and are healthy may enter the campus		Only students who are granted permission may enter the campus	
Entrance of outsiders		As usual		Entrance restrictions (only those granted permission)	
Extracurricular activities		Permitted upon close health monitoring, accompanied by a student representative such as a team captain who manages the health check On-campus and off-campus matches, joint training, training camps are possible by prior notification	Permitted upon close health monitoring, with a coach who manages the health check On-campus and off-campus matches, joint training are possible, with limits	Permitted to certain activities upon close health monitoring, with a coach who manages the health check On-campus and off-campus matches, joint training are not possible	On-campus and off-campus activities are prohibited Official competition of member organizations will be decided separately
School business trip	Domestic	As usual	In principle, travel to or from areas where infection is spreading is prohibited	In principle, prohibited (obtain permission from the head of traveler's department if travel is absolutely necessary)	Prohibited
	Abroad	Comply with the "Infectious Disease Risk Level" announcement by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs			
Various meetings		Effective use of online meetings			

- (1) The Novel Coronavirus Emergency Response Headquarters will hold meetings to determine the level of the phase based on comprehensively judging the situation in Nara, Osaka, and Kyoto, and the request of the government, etc. In addition, upon comprehensive judgment, it may be possible to take measures that are not mentioned above.
- (2) If anyone on campus becomes infected, apart from the phases, based on the requests of the local government, the executive board will determine whether the school will be closed temporarily and campus will be off-limits (no entrance).
- (3) Details of class implementation will be explained separately in "2021-2022 Spring Semester Class Implementation Plan."

**2. Although graduation ceremonies, entrance ceremonies, etc. are scheduled, please refrain from going out unnecessarily and refrain from social gatherings and so-called drinking parties to reduce the risk of infection as much as possible**

Although it is the season to celebrate, with events such as graduation and entrance ceremonies scheduled, Tenri University requests you to avoid the "5 situations" that increase the risk of infection, such as social gatherings, meals and drinks in large numbers or long hours, especially places where large numbers of people are in a small space for a long time, eating, drinking and having conversations in loud voices.

Please refrain from activities that are prone to airborne and micro-droplet infection (karaoke, playing musical instruments, choruses,

contact sports, games in closed spaces, etc.).

Please refrain from seasonal events as much as possible, where a large number of people gather, and take maximum infection prevention measures (enforcement of hand washing, wearing masks, proper ventilation, ensuring social distance, etc.) when participating.

Please refrain from traveling, and consider avoiding the crowded times to avoid close contact when returning home.

“5 situations” that increase the risk of infection

[https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000164708\\_00079.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000164708_00079.html)

### **3. In principle, the class format for the spring semester of the 2021-2022 school year will be face-to-face**

During the fall semester of the 2020-2021 school year, Tenri University has been conducting classes face-to-face, switching to on-line classes for classes with 51 or more students. For the spring semester of the 2021-2022 school year, while continuing the infection control measures, the maximum accommodation of each classroom will be made in accordance with the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology’s “Hygiene Management Manual for the novel coronavirus infection, *‘The New Normal of School Life.’*” The University has set the maximum number of people in a face-to-face class to 100 students.

Link: Hygiene Management Manual for the novel coronavirus infection, *‘The New Normal of School Life’*

### **4. Thorough consideration for students who use public transportation and students who are anxious about attending face-to-face classes**

Since the infection has not been converged, it is understandable that some students will have difficulties coming to campus due to various reasons.

Tenri University has requested faculty members to secure opportunities to attend face-to-face lessons through online distribution and post-distribution of lecture videos, taking into consideration the circumstances of the students, without forcing them to physically come to the classrooms. Students should check the “<Tenri University> Novel Coronavirus Infectious Disease Response Flow Chart,” and if they feel unwell or have anxiety about going to school, contact the instructor in charge of the class or the Student Affairs Section for instructions and/or advice.

<Tenri University> Coronavirus Infectious Disease Response Flow Chart

### **5. In principle, extracurricular activities are also restricted during “Phase III.”**

If there is a coach who keeps a detailed record of health checklists and activity records and manages them, some activities are permitted. However, participation in extracurricular activities will not be mandatory (students must not feel compelled to participate).

In principle, practice games and joint training with off-campus teams are not permitted.

Participation in official competitions will be in accordance with the judgment of the tournament organizer during any phase, but if infection is confirmed among team members, participation will not be permitted for a certain period of time.

In principle, invitation business trips are prohibited. If the business trip is absolutely necessary, permission from the manager must be obtained.

In principle, training camps are not permitted.

In principle, the use of the clubrooms at Shinkokan Student Union as well as Daini Shinkokan Student Union on the Somanouchi Campus is not permitted.