

Important Notice

April 5, 2021 [to all students and faculty members of Tenri University]

Tenri University Novel Coronavirus Emergency Response Headquarters
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The number of new people infected with COVID-19 on April 2 was 613 in Osaka (6.95 out of 100,000 people), 68 in Kyoto (2.65), and 54 in Nara (4.08). It can be judged that the infection is spreading in Nara prefecture, and spreading widely in Osaka prefecture (based on the estimated population on October 1, 2020).

At Tenri University, infected people have been identified in multiple extracurricular activity clubs, and the number is increasing, and there are also reports of variant strain infections.

Therefore, on April 2, we have decided at the Novel Coronavirus Emergency Response Headquarters meeting that the current status will be raised to Phase III regarding the “Tenri University activity guideline in relation to the spread of COVID-19.”

We have also decided to extend the measures (suspension of extracurricular activities) issued as an emergency notice on March 30 until May 5 (Wednesday).

1. Phase II will be raised to Phase III based on the activity guidelines

Tenri University has established activity guidelines for the university in relation to the spread of the novel coronavirus infection.

Currently, the infection is spreading not only in Nara and the neighboring prefectures, but also in our University. Compared to before, we have to be more careful when going about our daily activities, therefore, the phase based on the activity guidelines will be raised to “3.” Also, the wording of extracurricular activities has been partially revised. In addition, we have decided to extend the “suspension of extracurricular activities” measures, which was originally announced as March 30 – April 5, until May 5.

Tenri University activity guideline in relation to the spread of COVID-19 [Revised edition as of April 2, 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	In principle face-to-face	In principle face-to-face	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 protective measures against infection	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 those who have been monitoring their health condition for two weeks, and are healthy may enter the campus	Only those who have been monitoring their health condition for two weeks, and are healthy may enter the campus	Only those who are granted permission may enter the campus	Only those who are granted permission may enter the campus
Entrance of outsiders		As usual	Entrance restrictions (only those granted permission)	Entrance restrictions (only those granted permission)	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 practice 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 practice matches, joint training are possible, except with limits Training camps are not possible	Permitted to certain activities upon close health monitoring, with a coach who manages the health check On-campus and off-campus practice matches, joint training and training camp are not possible Official competition of member organizations will be decided separately	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).

2. 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

The new school year comes with opportunities to attend dinners and social gatherings, but Tenri University requests you to avoid the “5 situations” that increase the risk of infection, such as 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 take maximum infection prevention measures (enforcement of hand washing, wearing masks, proper ventilation, ensuring social distance, etc.) on a daily basis.

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

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

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.

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

https://www.tenri-u.ac.jp/topics/q3tncs00001znc74-att/FlowChart_Eng.pdf

5. There will be restrictions on open hours for on-campus facilities, etc.

Students and faculty members are requested to record the health checklist and behavior record chart. We will shorten the open hours for the information library and PC study room. Also, please be careful when using the joint laboratories. 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.

6. About the (extended) suspension of extracurricular activities

At the 23rd Tenri University Novel Coronavirus Emergency Response Headquarters meeting held on April 2, it was decided to extend the suspension of all extracurricular activities until May 5 (Wednesday).

Currently, several extracurricular activity clubs have reported cases where members have tested positive with COVID-19. There have also been reports of variant strain infections. At this point, no convergence of infection has been seen, and it has become clear that the infection rate (positive rate of close contacts) tends to be higher than before.

We ask all students to take even greater care of their health and strictly refrain from actions that lead them to becoming infected by the virus and spreading it during extracurricular activities as well as in the course of daily life.

The continuation and resumption of activities are as follows:

1. When the number of infected people stop increasing, and the infection is confirmed to have subsided, the suspension of the activities will be lifted.
2. If an official game is already scheduled, and members absolutely must practice, please confirm that the official game will actually be held, and upon consultation between coaches, managers and the Student Department, make a request to the President.