

April 7, 2021 【to all students and faculty members of Tenri University】  
**Strengthening the prevention of the spread of COVID-19**

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As we enter the new school year, the campus is surrounded by a bright spring atmosphere. However, the number of COVID-19 infections in the Kansai region is on the rise, and the social situation is unpredictable.

I recall that when I was a student, talking with many friends and eating and drinking together enriched my relationships, and it is a fact that those times deepened my friendships. At the same time, there are various awareness that become good learning opportunities that a classroom cannot provide.

But let's put that on hold for a while. Let's have the courage to turn down invitations to dinners, let's not host dinners, and let's be able to remind each other to keep our masks on. That is the best way to protect your loved ones and yourself.

I know that there are more opportunities for dinner and social gatherings at the beginning of the new school year, but please refrain from attending such gatherings. It is said that the infectivity of the COVID-19 variant strain is stronger than that of the conventional one. Please be careful not to have conversations with your mask off, such as during meals or in the clubroom after club activities. Also, please be extra careful when you are in a closed space, such as in a karaoke room, which is prone to droplet infection.

I have painful memories from last spring, when not only the entrance ceremony, but face-to-face classes and club activities were completely canceled.

Currently, club activities are suspended in principle until May 5, but the suspension will be lifted when the infection situation improves. We, the faculty and staff, also hope to return to normal school life as soon as possible. In order to realize that, I ask for your patience and courage at this time.

Let's wear masks.

Let's wash our hands.

Let's disinfect.

Let's keep our distance.

Recommending meals in silence.

Conversations during meals cause risk of droplet infection.