

About correspondence to new COVID-19 (shingata korona virus) Tokushima University

March 16, 2020

Cancelation of the entrance ceremony

To: New students

To: Parents and families

In light of the spread of the COVID-19 shingata coronavirus, the University of Tokushima has decided to cancel the Tokushima University entrance ceremony for the second year of Reiwa, which was scheduled to be held at ASTY Tokushima on Monday, April 6.

We understand that new students, parents, family members, and friends have been looking forward to the entrance ceremony, which marks the start of university life, but we hope that you will understand this decision has been made because of the need for social responsibility - to ensure the health of everyone and to prevent the spread of infection.

Information about university orientation sessions will be announced on the university's official website as soon as the details are determined.

President of Tokushima University

Sumihare Noji (野地 澄晴)

March 10, 2020

Regarding the continuation of the university's basic policy on countermeasures against the COVID-19 shingata corona virus (notification)

To: All faculty and All students

From:

Director, Crisis Response Headquarters, Tokushima University

President of Tokushima University Sumihare Noji (野地 澄晴)

The basic policy adopted on February 26, 2020 was to continue until March 15, 2020. However, as the number of COVID-19 shingata corona virus infections continues to increase, it has been decided that the policy should continue to be followed until March 31, 2020.

Going forward, if the national government headquarters tasked with infectious disease control for COVID-19 shingata corona virus [国の新型コロナウイルス感染症対策本部による] announces new protocols, the university's basic policy will be reviewed and updated notifications will be shared.

1. In principle, events sponsored by Tokushima University will be canceled.

If it is difficult to cancel an event due to unavoidable circumstances, a letter explaining the reason the event is necessary and what measures will be taken to prevent the spread of infection should be sent to the President of the University's Crisis Response Headquarters (the university president) in advance. Approval must be obtained from the Crisis Response Headquarters.

Send to: General Affairs Department, General Affairs Division (総務部総務課)

2. Participation in events hosted by universities other than Tokushima University

In principle, participation should be avoided where possible. (自粛を求めるものとする。)

Regarding the pros and cons of participation, each individual should carefully consider the necessity for participation in any events.

If you choose to participate, please take necessary countermeasures against infectious diseases.

* Events hosted by universities other than Tokushima University might include academic conferences, symposiums, etc.

3. Faculty and students traveling abroad

Ministry of Foreign Affairs: Travel to countries with Level 2 (Level 2: Please stop unnecessary / non-emergency travel) or higher indicated in the government overseas safety information [海外安全情報] is prohibited. Even if you are planning to travel abroad privately, we ask that you please avoid travel.

*Link to the overseas safety information page: <https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/>
(not included in the Japanese version of this document)

4. About the entrance ceremony for Reiwa School Year 2 (2020.4-2021.3)

Dependent upon the situation going forward, the University's Crisis Response Headquarters will consider the feasibility of holding entrance ceremony. A decision will be made at least two weeks before the date of the event.

If it does appear possible to hold the event, detailed information will be promptly announced on the university's official website.

March 6, 2020

Requests and measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 *shingata* coronavirus infection

From: Tokushima University Library

[Tokushima University Library Users]

Requests and measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 *shingata coronavirus* infection The library will implement the following measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 *shingata*

coronavirus. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

This approach may be changed depending on the future situation. It's possible that at some point there may be some restrictions on library services or temporary measures like closing the library. In that case, you will be notified again on the official library SNS and on the library website.

Notification: • We recommend wearing a mask in the library.

- . Please disinfect your hands before entering the building. Please use the disinfectant placed near the entrance.
- . Please refrain from visiting the library if you have a fever, a strong sense of exhaustion, coughing, breathlessness, or any other physical symptoms of possible illness.
- . Please try to keep a sufficient distance from other people to avoid unnecessary close contact (See note 1).
- . Group study rooms (excluding private research rooms) are to be used only during class periods.

[Group study room users] Requests and measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 *shingata coronavirus* infection

In the library, to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 *shingata coronavirus*, the group study rooms (excluding private research rooms) will be used only during

class periods. Please follow the following guidelines. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

Notification:

• We recommend wearing masks even in group study rooms. • Please try to keep a sufficient distance from other people to avoid unnecessary close

contact (See Note 1). • Extensions for use of the room will not be possible.

• Ventilation fans should be set to “constant ventilation” 「常時換気」. Please keep the

ventilation fan ON when you finish using the room. • If it's possible to open the windows, please do so (at least once an hour) to help to provide

sufficient ventilation. • If you are the representative for your study group (applicant), please fill out the user (entry)

list when you finish using the room and submit it. • When you enter the groups study room and at the end of use, please disinfect the

doorknob, used equipment, etc. with the disinfection sheets you will be given.

(Note 1)(注1): There are two important factors in determining whether or not a person is in

close contact 「濃厚接触」: short distance and length of time.

It is considered close contact if you touch something or someone with your hands without taking necessary precautionary measures and if you are within reach of each other for a certain period of time (within reach is considered approximately 2 meters). Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare Link:

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000187997.html>

Building	Floor	Room Name (室名)	Recommended number of users (See Note 2)
Main Library	2nd Floor	グループ研究室1	5
		グループ研究室2	4
	3rd Floor	多目的ホール1	18
		多目的ホール2	16
Kuramoto Branch	2nd Floor	グループ研究室1	6
		グループ研究室2	5
		グループ研究室3	4
		グループ研究室4	4
		ミーティングルーム1	10
		ミーティングルーム1 [sic]	10

(Note 2)(注2): When using the group study room the usage area per person should be 4 square meters or more.

Contact point: Tokushima University Library Phone number: 088 -656-9696 (Jyosanjima) 088-633-9643 (Kuramoto)

March 6, 2020

Regarding the Suspension of Use of the Information Center Jisshu-shitsu 「実習室」

From: Information Center Director, Tetsushi Ueta

To: Faculty, staff, and students

The Information Center Jisshu-shitsu 「実習室」 located on the 3rd floor of the Information Center [情報センター] has operated up till now with normal spring holiday hours (8:30am-5pm).

However, to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 shingata coronavirus, the room will no longer be open. Use will be suspended [利用休止] from March 9 to March 31.

End of message.

Contact point:

Tokushima University Information Center [徳島大学情報センター]

Phone number: 088-656-7557 (Jyosanjima)

E-mail address: callcenter.ait@tokushima-u.ac.jp

March 3, 2020

Regarding the prohibition of extracurricular activities

From: Director / Vice President (Education) Yoshihisa Takaishi

With the increase in the number of COVID-19 shingata korona virus infections in Japan and abroad, we are finding patients here and there throughout the the country whose transmission vectors are not clear. To end the outbreak as soon as possible, it is extremely important to prevent groups from accidentally spreading the virus to other groups. We need to take serious preventative measures.

In light of the current situation surrounding COVID-19 shingata korona virus infections, extracurricular activities will be prohibited during the following periods.

In addition, during the prohibition period, facilities for extracurricular activities such as student halls, gymnasiums, and sports fields will not be available for use. Students are encouraged to continue taking precautions to prevent infection by,

among other things, wearing masks, using disinfectant on hands, and generally taking care of your health and well-being.

Notice:

Prohibition period: March 3 (Tuesday)-March 31 (Tuesday), 2020

[Contact point for this issue]

Academic Affairs Department Student Support Section (学務部学生支援課学生支援係)

Phone numbers: 088-656-7086

March 3, 2020

Regarding the Cancellation of the Reiwa School Year 1 (2019.4-2020.3) Graduation Ceremony

The Tokushima University graduation ceremony which was scheduled to be held at ASTY Tokushima on March 23 (Monday) will be cancelled due to an increase in the number of people infected with the COVID-19 shingata korona virus in Japan and overseas.

We have come to the conclusion that health has to take top priority.

Graduating students, parents, guardians, alumni, and friends we sincerely feel how much you must have been looking forward to celebrating this milestone in life at the graduation ceremony, but we thank you for your understanding.

Diplomas will be sent by mail after March 23rd.

Messages from the university president, university deans, congratulations speeches from the guests of honor will also be available to view from March 23rd on the university homepage.

Sumihare Noji
Tokushima University President

February 27, 2020

[Important]

Information regarding the raised infectious disease risk level related to the Covid-19 (*shingata korona virus*) in Iran

From: Tokushima University General Affairs Department (徳島大学総務部)

On February 26, the number of new coronavirus infection cases and deaths increased rapidly, prompting the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Safety Website to raise the risk of infection in Iran to level 2 (Level 2: Please stop unnecessary / non-emergency travel).

Please carefully consider any plans to travel to the region.

Reference: Infectious Disease Risk Information for Iran (イランに対する感染症危険情報)

Link to external site:

https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/info/pchazardspecificinfo_2020T034.html#ad-ima-ge-0

February 26, 2020

[Important]

Tokushima University's Basic Policy on New Coronavirus Infection Control

Tokushima University has decided to adopt the following basic policy from today until March 15, 2020(Sun).

Contents as follows:

1. Regarding the graduation ceremony for Reiwa School Year 1 (2019.4-2020.3) and entrance ceremony for Reiwa School Year 2 (2020.4-2021.3)

We will make a final decision whether to have the ceremonies or not at least 2 weeks before the date, based on how the situation develops.

If the events are held, detailed information will be shared on the university homepage.

2. Regarding (other) events sponsored by Tokushima University

All events are, as a general rule, cancelled.

If it is difficult to cancel the event due to unavoidable circumstances, measures will be taken to prevent the spread of infection.

3. Regarding participation by students and faculty in events not sponsored by Tokushima University

As a general rule, we ask that you please use your best judgement.

Sumihare Noji (野地 澄晴)

University President

February 25, 2020

[Important]

Information regarding the raised infectious disease risk level related to the Covid-19 (shingata korona virus) in some areas of South Korea

From: Tokushima University General Affairs Department (徳島大学総務部)

On February 25, due to the rapid increase in the number of new coronavirus infection cases in Daegu City and Cheongdo-gun, South Korea the Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Safety Website has raised the risk of infection in those areas to level 2 (Level 2: Please stop unnecessary / non-emergency travel). Please carefully consider any plans to travel to the region.

Reference: Infectious Disease Risk Information for Daegu City and Cheongdo-gun, South Korea

(韓国・大邱広域市及び慶尚北道清道郡に対する感染症危険情報)

Link to external site:

https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/info/pchazardspecificinfo_2020T030.html#ad-image-0

February 20, 2020

Establishment of Tokushima University Crisis Response Headquarters for "Countermeasures against Infectious Diseases Associated with COVID-19 (shingata korona virus)"

To: All faculty members

To: All students

From: President of Tokushima University

Sumihare Noji (野地 澄晴)

Tokushima University Crisis Management Headquarters has been established as described below in accordance with Article 6 of the National University Corporation Tokushima University Crisis Management Regulations.

In addition, the National University Hospital Directors' Meeting provided information on "Consultation and Medical Exam Guidelines for New Coronavirus Infections" and "How to Prevent New Coronavirus Cases" as described below.

We ask that faculty, staff and students continue to strive to prevent the spread of the virus. If there is any suspicion that you might have contracted COVID-19 (shingata korona virus), please consult the hokenjyo consultation center (保健所相談センター) posted on the Tokushima website first.

The link for the hokenjyo consultation center (保健所 相談センター) is here:
<https://www.pref.tokushima.lg.jp/ippanokata/kenko/kansensho/5034012>

Thank you for your cooperation.

February 20, 2020

[PDF linked file] 新型コロナウイルス感染症についての相談・受診の目安

Guidelines for consultation and medical exams for COVID-19 (*shingata korona virus*) infections

1. Things to keep in mind before consultation and medical treatment

- If you have cold symptoms including fever, please take a break from school or work and refrain from going out.
- If you have cold symptoms including fever, please measure and record your body temperature every day.

2. Guidelines for persons who have returned from abroad or are otherwise in need of contacting the consultation center

- If you fall into any of the following categories, please contact the *kikoku-sha sesshoku-sha* center (帰国者・接触者相談センター)
 - ・ Symptoms of a cold or fever of 37.5 degrees or more, lasting 4 days or more. (The same applies to those who have been taking fever reducing medicine for 4 days or more)
 - ・ Those who have severe lack of energy (malaise) or breathlessness (dyspnea)
- The following people are more likely to be seriously ill, so if this condition persists or if it lasts for about two days, consult the *kikoku-sha sesshoku-sha* center (帰国者・接触者相談センター)
 - ・ Senior citizens
 - ・ Patients with diabetes, heart failure, respiratory disease (COPD, etc.)
 - ・ Those who use immunosuppressants or anti-cancer drugs

(For pregnant women)

For pregnant women, please consult the *kikoku-sha sesshoku-sha* center (帰国者・接触者相談センター) as soon as possible, just like those who are more likely to become seriously ill.

(To those who have children)

At this time, there are no reports that children are more likely to become seriously ill. Please follow the guidelines described here for children also.

○ At the moment, there are also an overwhelmingly large number of illness other than the COVID-19 (shingata korona virus) going around, if you are worried about influenza, please consult your regular doctor as usual.

3.Request to people intending to seek care at medical institutions for COVID-19 (shingata korona virus)

○ Please visit a medical institution recommended by the kikoku-sha sesshoku-sha center (帰国者・接触者相談センター). It is not recommended to visit more than one medical institution.

○ Wear a mask at the medical institution, thoroughly wash your hands, and practice good cough etiquette (please use a mask, tissue, handkerchief, or sleeve to cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing).

February 20, 2020

[PDF linked file] 新型コロナウイルスを防ぐには

How to prevent COVID-19 (*shingata korona virus*)

What is COVID-19 (*shingata korona virus*)

It is a kind of viral cold.

It is characterized by fever, pain, and prolonged cough (around one week). Many people with the virus complain of severe lack of energy (malaise).

The incubation period from infection to onset of symptoms is thought to be 1 day to 12.5 days (often 5 to 6 days).

The new coronavirus is said to be transmitted by droplet infection and contact infection.

Droplet infection: The virus is absorbed through the nose or mouth of someone when an infected person coughs or sneezes.

Contact infection: After an infected person covers their sneeze or cough with their hand (for example), the virus could end up left behind on whatever they touch with that hand. When someone else touches that same surface, the virus can attach to their and be transmitted through the mucous membranes when that person touches their nose or mouth.

*Be careful that severe cases causing pneumonia and deaths have been confirmed.

In particular, elderly people and people with underlying conditions may be more likely to become seriously ill.

Ways We Can Be Cautious in Daily Life

First of all, wash your hands.

Frequently wash your hands with soap or alcohol disinfectant. Please do so when you return home, before and after cooking, and before meals, etc...

If you are coughing and you cover your cough or sneeze with your hand, when you then use that same hand to touch doornobs or other things, you risk

spreading the virus to others.

Please use good etiquette (please use a mask, tissue, handkerchief, or sleeve to cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing).

If you have a pre-existing illness, or if you are an elderly person, you should be careful to avoid places with large crowds.

If You Fall Into These Categories, Please Exercise Caution

If you have the following symptoms, please contact the kikoku-sha sesshoku-sha center (帰国者・接触者相談センター)

- Symptoms of a cold or fever of 37.5 degrees or more, lasting 4 days or more. (The same applies to those who have been taking fever reducing medicine for 4 days or more)
- Those who have severe lack of energy (malaise) or breathlessness (dyspnea)
- Elderly people or those with underlying illnesses who are in the condition described above - please contact the kikoku-sha sesshoku-sha center (帰国者・接触者相談センター) after about 2 days

The contact information for the kikoku-sha sesshoku-sha center (帰国者・接触者相談センター) in Tokushima is listed below. Scroll down to see the addresses and phone numbers of all of the centers in our prefecture.

If you plan to go, please wear a mask and avoid using public transportation.

External link:

<https://www.pref.tokushima.lg.jp/ippanokata/kenko/kansensho/5034012>

In Tokushima City: kikoku-sha sesshoku-sha center

(帰国者・接触者相談センター)

Address: 徳島市新蔵町 3 丁目 80 Goggle Map: <https://goo.gl/maps/aTbuYmB75TmuK3xi8>

Phone number: 088-602-8907

February 17, 2020

[Important]

Information regarding the raised infectious disease risk level related to the Covid-19 (shingata korona virus) in China (increase in infectious disease risk level in some areas)

From: Tokushima University General Affairs Department (徳島大学総務部)

On February 14, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Safety Website raised the risk of infection in the area of Wenzhou, Zhejiang Province in China to Level 3 due to new Covid-19 (shingata korona virus) infections. (Level 3: Stop traveling to this area).

Please refrain from traveling to the area.

Reference: Warning about new coronavirus

(新型コロナウイルスに関する注意喚起)

Link to external site:

https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/info/pchazardspecificinfo_2020T025.html#ad-image-0

January 31, 2020

[Important]

Outbreak of Covid-19 (shingata korona virus): increased risk of infectious disease in China

From: Tokushima University General Affairs Department (徳島大学総務部)

With the spread of Covid-19 (shingata korona virus) in Wuhan, Hubei Province, China, the World Health Organization (WHO) declared a Public Health Emergency of International Concern (PHEIC) on January 30, 2020.

At present, the infectious disease risk level in Hubei Province in China is Level 3 (Level 3: Stop traveling to this area), and for other areas of China outside of Hubei Province, it has been raised to Level 2 (Level 2: Please stop unnecessary / non-emergency travel) today.

In addition to stopping travel to China, for those people who plan to travel to countries where the infection is spreading, please understand that the response of the country and region may change suddenly depending on the level of infectious disease risk information. Please stop (refrain from) any unnecessary / non-emergency travel at this time.

(Note) Current status of infectious disease risk information level in China:

Hubei Region: Level 3 (Level 3: Stop traveling to this area)

Other areas: Level 2 (Level 2: Please stop unnecessary / non-emergency travel)

In addition, since the virus may continue to spread in the future, please always check the latest status on websites like the recommended ones below, and take care to ensure your safety.

<<関連情報ホームページ>>

- 文部科学省新型コロナウイルス対策特設ページ
(Japanese Ministry of Education page regarding COVID-19 (shingata korona virus))
https://www.mext.go.jp/a_menu/coronavirus/

 - 新型コロナウイルス関連肺炎（厚生労働省）
(Japanese Ministry of Health page regarding COVID-19 and related pneumonia complications)
https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000164708_00001.html

 - 外務省海外安全ホームページ
(Ministry of Foreign Affairs Overseas Safety page)
<http://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp>

 - 国立感染症研究所ホームページ
(Japanese National Institute of Infectious Diseases Homepage)
<https://www.niid.go.jp/niid/ja/from-idsc.html>

 - 外務省「たびレジ」登録サイト
(Ministry of Foreign Affairs Travel Registration page (updates on the latest safety information from the ministry))
<https://www.ezairyu.mofa.go.jp/tabireg/index.html>
<https://www.ezairyu.mofa.go.jp/index.html>
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