

All Students and Enrollees Currently Within Japan - **PLEASE READ**

Hokkaido University
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Act responsibly during coronavirus outbreak

Dear Hokkaido University (HU) students and first-time enrollees living in Japan (including those on travel in and around the country)

Last month, HU issued "Regarding the Measures to Prevent Further Novel Coronavirus Transmission - To Students" on its main website to urge students to act responsibly during this unprecedented event.

In consideration of the ongoing coronavirus (COVID-19) spread, Japanese Prime Minister has declared a month-long state of emergency for seven prefectures on April 7 in response to the coronavirus outbreaks. Meanwhile, the prefectural government of Hokkaido has extended its epidemic control period against coronavirus until May 6 and made a call for the precautionary practices which the newly arrived in (and the returnees to) Hokkaido should observe.

Under the current public health crisis, we would like you to not only read said message from HU but also observe the following rules and precautions on and off campus, and keep reminding yourself that we are all at risk of contracting and spreading coronavirus. Please act responsibly to keep everyone safe.

1. If you are currently living or staying outside Hokkaido and moving to or coming back to Hokkaido

Upon settling in or coming back to Hokkaido before the start of the first semester, in light of Hokkaido Government's public health advisories*, we ask you to stand by at home for 14 days after arrival from outside Hokkaido. During the time watch out your health condition and stay home unless absolutely necessary to go out e.g. medical needs.

* <http://www.pref.hokkaido.lg.jp/hf/kth/kak/cyuuikannki0408.pdf> (in Japanese)

2. If you are now or have been in Hokkaido

- 1) Avoid unnecessary trips outside your home.
- 2) Do hand hygiene (regular hand washing) and cough etiquette (covering mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing). Wear a facial mask when out in public. Stay away from crowds as much as possible and avoid attending events.

3. Rules on campus and about attending classes

- 1) We ask that students do not visit campus unless requested by administration.
- 2) When you come to campus to attend classes, follow the guidelines given by your school/graduate school. Monitor and care for your well-being overall, and take preventive actions to reduce the risk of viral transmissions.

4. [Important] Please read the below message again:

" Regarding the Measures to Prevent Further Novel Coronavirus Transmission – To Students"

<https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/Regarding-the-Measures-to-Prevent-Further-Novel-Coronavirus-Transmission-to-students.pdf>

Please visit our website regularly for the latest updates concerning student/academic affairs.

<https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/>

Thank you, and please stay safe and healthy.

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