

Preventative Measures for the Novel Coronavirus at Hokkaido University

Along with the explosive spread of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) across the globe, the number of cases has risen in Japan. At Hokkaido University, one staff member of the administrative bureau tested positive on 4 March 2020, and has now recovered.

The University has implemented measures to prevent the spread of infection through notices and announcements, and then formed the COVID-19 Task Force on 23 March 2020. This task force shall act as the headquarters to handle infection prevention measures centrally and even more flexibly. In addition to the cancellation of the events organized by the University including the commencement and matriculation ceremonies, the University has delayed the start date of the 2020 academic year, cancelled or postponed the outbound and inbound programs for students, temporarily closed the overseas and Tokyo offices (with their staff working from home), ordered the University members to cancel unessential business trips, and implemented staggered working hours for staff.

Hokkaido University promises to undertake any measures to ensure the health, safety, and wellbeing of our students, faculty, and staff, and strives to take immediate steps while monitoring the rapidly changing situation.

All the COVID-19-related information at the University will be compiled here and updated as necessary. Your kind understanding and cooperation in this matter would be highly appreciated.

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