

To all students, faculty, and staff members of Hokkaido University

Thank you for your continued cooperation in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

Since the beginning of the year, with the increase of COVID-19 cases in the country which appears to be primarily due to the Omicron variant, we have learned that students and faculty members of several departments in the university have been tested positive for COVID-19.

Subsequently, their close contacts within the university community were identified by tracking their movement history on campus, and those identified have been placed under stay-at-home order and monitoring of their health for 14 days after their last exposure to the infected person.

The number of new cases in the City of Sapporo has also sharply risen in the past week. We ask you to remain vigilant and continue to practice preventive measures such as physical [social] distancing, mask wearing, cough etiquette, hand hygiene including thorough hand washing, and indoor ventilation, and comply with the Response Plan of the Hokkaido University Business Continuity Plan During Coronavirus Outbreak (BCP).

We wish all those affected a speedy recovery and will continue our efforts to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

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Hokkaido University COVID-19 Task Force