

Okayama University Guidelines on Activity Restrictions to Prevent the Spread of the Novel Coronavirus Infection

[Policy] The purpose of these guidelines is to protect the lives, health and safety of all constituent members of the university. The guidelines have been formulated to urge an appropriate transformation in the awareness of the constituent members of the different levels of restrictions on activities in the university through explanations and visual information.

[Points to bear in mind] 1. In principle, these guidelines are common to the whole university, but judgments may be made by each campus or division of the university in accordance with the infection situation. When facing difficulties making judgments, refer back to the policy.

2. These guidelines do not apply medical personnel or persons engaged in coronavirus research.

Level	Classes (Lectures, seminars and practical classes)	Student extracurricular activities	Education and Research activities (including research supervision)	Entry of students to campuses	Intramural meetings	Office functions	
0	As normal	Pay attention to infection outbreak information.					
1	Minimum restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Classes held while taking infection prevention measures (e.g. limit on numbers taking exams). ○ Online media classes recommended. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Activities permitted provided maximum measures are taken to prevent infection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Education and Research activities can be continued provided maximum measures are taken to prevent infection. ○ Persons responsible for laboratories should reduce hours of onsite presence for laboratory-related persons (<u>undergraduates, graduates, researchers, research staff</u>) and should consider tasks that can be done at home. ○ It is recommended that discussion-style seminars and research guidance, etc. for degree dissertations be implemented online. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Undergraduates and graduates will be allowed to enter the campuses provided maximum measures are taken to prevent infection. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Face-to-face meetings may be held provided maximum measures are taken to prevent infection. ○ Online meetings are recommended. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Normal work may be carried out provided maximum measures are taken to prevent infection. ○ Apply staggered working hours.
2	Medium restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Restrictions on holding of classes while taking infection prevention measures (e.g. limit on numbers taking exams). ○ Most classes held using online media. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Request for voluntary restraint on non-essential activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Entry permitted for short times for only the minimum necessary persons (<u>undergraduates, graduates, researchers, research staff</u>) for education and research activities currently underway or to continue research. ○ Discussion-style seminars permitted online only. ○ In principle, research guidance, etc. for degree dissertations permitted online only. Prior permission must be obtained from the graduate school head in cases where it is necessary to hold research supervision in a research laboratory or office. ○ <u>Neither undergraduates nor graduates should be forced to enter the campuses.</u> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Campus entry by both undergraduates and graduates restricted. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As far as possible, shift to online meetings. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Make efforts to prevent the spread of infection by some means including teleworking from home to restrict numbers of staff commuting to work.
3	Maximum restrictions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Suspension of face-to-face classes. ○ Only online media classes to be held. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Permission for certain activities only in a restricted manner while taking maximum infection prevention measures. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In principle, all research suspended except for research directly connected with new coronavirus countermeasures. Beginning new experiments/research is prohibited. ○ Minimum necessary entry is permitted only for online media classes. ○ The following persons will be permitted to enter laboratories only in the case that the head of the department deems it necessary. (However, <u>undergraduates and graduates will not be permitted to enter laboratories.</u>) (1) <u>Research staff</u> engaged in long-term experiments currently underway and for which the research would suffer severe impacts if the experiments were to be suspended, (2) <u>Research staff</u> engaged in duties to end or to discontinue current ongoing experiments, (3) <u>Research staff</u> who enter laboratories for short times to tend to and manage living organisms, replenish liquid nitrogen or liquid helium, to control and manage poisonous materials, etc. and to maintain and manage basic infrastructure necessary for research. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Entry to campuses by undergraduates and graduates is prohibited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ In principle, meetings of 10 persons or more, including observers, are to be conducted online. ○ However, for meetings that include confidential information of constituent members, corporate secrets, important information regarding entrance examinations, etc., security measures should be kept in mind and these will be considered separately. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The minimum necessary staff will come to work to maintain office functions as well as to continue important work that is currently underway.
4	Total suspension of activities in principle	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ All classes cancelled. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Total suspension of activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ To perform minimum maintenance of university functions, <u>research staff</u> will be permitted to enter laboratories for short times with the permission of the department head to tend to and manage living organisms, replenish liquid nitrogen or liquid helium, to control and manage poisonous materials, etc. and to maintain and manage basic infrastructure necessary for research. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Entry prohibited. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Online meetings only except in emergencies. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ The minimum necessary staff will come to work to maintain and manage university facilities.

* This table shows the levels of activities related to each of the areas such as classes, research, etc. Yellow shading indicates the current state of restrictions on activities. The New Coronavirus Countermeasures Headquarters will review and publish this table again in accordance with changes in the infection situation.