

April 22nd, 2020

To all faculty, staff and students:

Measures concerning the new coronavirus (COVID-19) (April 22nd announcement)

With the request of facility use restrictions from Nara Prefecture on April 21st, 2020 (valid from April 23rd to May 6th), the limitation level for activities at NAIST was raised from Level 3 (increased limitations) to Level 4 (maximum limitations), in accordance with the Guide for Limiting Activities to Prevent the Spreading of the New Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection.

Following this change, research activities, subjects (lectures, seminars, practices), students entering the campus and meetings on campus are restricted, so please note the following guide,

Also, the Japanese government and Nara Prefecture have requested further actions for avoiding the 3 Cs (closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings) to prevent infection, and avoiding nonessential outings and staying inside as much as possible.

Considering the current situation, NAIST asks that faculty, staff and students strictly follow the restrictions below and instructions below before and during the holidays, including Golden Week.

1. Guide for Limiting Activities at NAIST to Prevent the Spreading of the New Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection

<https://ad-info.naist.jp/kokusai/member/pdfs/covid19-guide.pdf>

- Research activities

Only those laboratory persons who must come to maintain experiments/research will be allowed to enter NAIST for the minimum time required for maintain research materials such as maintaining living organisms, refilling liquid nitrogen and please follow the information and instructions of the division to which your laboratory belongs.

- Subjects (lectures, seminars, practices)

Online subjects only

- Students entering the campus

Prohibited

- Meetings on campus

Online meetings (telework) only

2. Avoid the 3 Cs and request to refrain from nonessential outings

- Please refrain from returning to your hometown and from traveling out of your region before and during holidays, including golden week.
- Avoid the 3 Cs (closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings) to prevent infection
- Avoid meeting with unspecified large number people, especially children and senior citizens, or other actions that may create complicated infection routes.

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