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To all NAIST students, faculty and staff

Measures concerning the new coronavirus (COVID-19)
(May 15th announcement)

With the lifting of the State of Emergency for Nara prefecture, announced on May 14th, 2020, the limitation level for activities at NAIST was lowered from Level 4 (maximum limitations) to Level 2 (minimal 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, meetings on campus and employee work format are still restricted, so please note the following guide

- Research activities

Research activities may be continued, but take all possible care to prevent the spreading of infection and to avoid the 3 Cs (closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings), reducing the amount of time spent in the laboratory, etc. by students, research students and research staff, while continuing to practice the basic measures to prevent the spread of infection, beginning with maintaining personal distance, wearing a mask and hand hygiene.

- Subjects (lectures, seminars, practices)

Lectures should be held mainly online during the spring semester.

For seminars and practices, please follow the information and instructions of the division to which your laboratory belongs.

- Students entering the campus

Students living in or commuting through prefectures for which a state of emergency has been declared (in the NAIST area, Osaka, Hyogo and Kyoto prefectures) will, in principal, refrain from coming to campus and instructions of the division to which your laboratory belongs.

- Meetings on campus

In-person meetings are to be held as little as possible and whenever possible they are to be held online.

- Employee work format

Working at home (telework) is to be considered. Working at home is to be allowed when deemed possible.

The release from employment obligations will still be possible for the period elementary schools, etc. are temporarily closed.

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>

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