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To all faculty, staff and students

Measures concerning the new coronavirus (COVID-19)
(July 30th announcement)

NAIST has received an announcement from the Director General of the Higher Education Bureau of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology concerning the measures to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus (COVID-19) infection.

Recently, there has been another surge in the number of new coronavirus infection cases and the number of cases found at universities and other institutions is also increasing. In particular, it has been pointed out that cases where younger people in their 20s are infected have increased and the infection has spread through gatherings and meeting at restaurants, etc.

With this in mind, I would like to ask everyone to consider the following points and maintain a strong sense of 'protecting yourself' in your daily life.

(1) A lifestyle fitting the 'new normal' [for faculty, staff and students]

- Thoroughly avoid the 3 Cs: closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings.
- Avoid large parties and gatherings.
- When visiting a restaurant or other business for a party or gathering, check if the business displays signs stating their compliance to certain standards, etc.
- Refrain from activity involving using a loud voice. (loud talking at a restaurant/business, karaoke or similar events, sports events with cheering, etc.)
- Thorough use of masks, hand-washing, disinfecting, and ventilation.
- Register and use COCOA (COVID-19 Contact Confirming Application) or other local tracking and alerting systems.

(2) Measures to prevent the spread of infection in the workplace, etc. [for faculty and staff]

- Refrain from meeting for food and drinks after work in large numbers.
- When visiting a restaurant or other business for a party or gathering, check if the business displays signs stating their compliance to certain standards, etc.
- Encourage registering and using tracking applications or other local tracking and alerting systems.
- Encourage teleworking, staggered commuting, and bicycle commuting.
- Do not let faculty or staff who fall ill come to work.

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