

January 14th, 2021

To all students, faculty and staff

Measures concerning the new coronavirus (COVID-19)
(January 14th announcement)

With the lifting of the State of Emergency for the surrounding prefectures, announced on January 13th, 2021, the limitation level for activities at NAIST was raised from Level 1 (partial 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 guidelines.

Also, in addition to these limitations, rethinking the everyday behavior of students, faculty and staff is extremely important. We ask that you take special care to avoid the 3 Cs, the “5 situations”, etc., and please strictly practice the basic preventative measures such as maintaining distance from others, wearing masks, and washing/sterilizing your hands. Furthermore, when travelling (include business trip) across prefectures or returning to your hometown, practice the basic infection prevention measures such as avoiding the 3 Cs, refrain from non-essential outings, and refrain from gatherings involving eating and drinking with large amounts of participants or that last for a long periods of time, as they have a high possibility of infection.

For NAIST faculty and staff, please try to reduce contact with others through teleworking, staggering work hours, bicycle commuting, etc., while strictly taking measures to prevent the spread of infection at your workplace including when sharing closed spaces with other people and changing locations. (Break areas, changing rooms, smoking areas, etc.)

Currently no cases of infection have been confirmed on campus among the faculty, staff or students, but, if you feel you may be infected, please consult with a medical professional as soon as possible (as explained in the “Measures concerning the new coronavirus (COVID-19)” December 24th announcement) and notify the Health Care Center of your situation.

- 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)

Students living in or commuting through prefectures for which a state of emergency has been declared and are worried about attending lectures in person should discuss attending lectures online or by using the lecture archives with the lecturer in charge.

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

- Students entering the campus

For students living in or commuting through prefectures for which a state of emergency has been declared, please refrain from coming to campus when not necessary.

- 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

While going to work has been excluded from the request to limit going outside, please try to reduce contact with other people and consider teleworking and staggering work hours when deemed possible.

Further information concerning work formats will be issued later.

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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