

Measures concerning the new coronavirus (COVID-19)

As of May 8, 2023, the status of new coronavirus infectious diseases under the Act on Prevention of Infectious Diseases and Medical Care for Patients Suffering from Infectious Diseases have been changed from Category 2 to Category 5 infectious diseases.

Accordingly, the level according to the Guide for Limiting Activities at NAIST to Prevent the Spreading of the New Coronavirus (COVID-19) Infection (Formulated by the Crisis Measures Headquarters Conference on April 7, 2020) has been changed from 1 (partially restricted) to 0 (normal), and educational and research activities at NAIST are now shifted to normal procedures. In addition, previous measures will apply as shown below.

【Infection prevention】

- Avoid the 3 Cs, closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings, to prevent infection while practicing the basic measures to prevent the spread of infection, beginning with maintaining personal distance and hand hygiene.
- For the time being, thermographs and disinfectant solutions will be placed at the main entrances of information Science Complex, Biological Science Complex, Materials Science Complex and the Administrative Bureau.
- When inside buildings, open the windows and ventilate frequently.
- Wearing a mask is recommended in situations where it is advisable to do so, such as when using crowded trains or buses during rush hours, or when visiting the Health Care Center.

【Health care】

In cases when you have a fever or other symptoms, you should stay at home and promptly seek medical treatment, etc.

【Overseas travel and returning to Japan】

Although there are no restrictions on travel due to the new coronavirus infection, all NAIST faculty, staff, and students are requested to follow the " Standards for execution, cancellation, postponement and temporary return" as described below.

[“Standards for execution, cancellation, postponement and temporary return”](#)

【Domestic business trips and travelling】

- From the standpoint of infection prevention, please practice the basic measures to prevent the spread of infection, beginning with maintaining personal distance and hand hygiene.

【Lectures, experiments, research activities, meetings, etc.】

- If the face-to-face method is used, avoid the 3 Cs, closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings, to prevent infection while practicing the basic measures to prevent the spread of infection, beginning with maintaining personal distance and hand hygiene.
- In the event of an outbreak of infected persons on campus, the disinfection work performed by faculty and staff at the outbreak site will no longer be necessary.

【Measures for employment duties for faculty and staff】

- Although special measures have been taken regarding the work of faculty and staff, various permanent work systems have been established after the spread of the infection, and these systems are now sufficient to deal with the situation, so the following measures will be taken respectively.
 - Telework
 - Special measures are abolished and are handled in accordance with the Telework Implementation Regulations.
 - Staggered work hours
 - Special measures are abolished and handled in accordance with the Procedure for changing the starting and ending time of work, etc. at the request of employees and the Guideline for Handling Change of Starting and Ending Time, etc. at the Request of Fixed Term Contract Employees, etc.
 - Special leave (sick leave)
 - Special measures are abolished and handled in accordance with Regulations Concerning Working Hours, Holidays, and Vacations of Employees, etc.
 - Exemption from your obligation to devote yourself to your duties (vaccination)
 - Based on the fact that vaccinations are publicly funded, we will continue to treat this as a special measure. However, with the end of public funding of vaccinations, we will discontinue this special measure.

<For reference>

[Handling of Special Exceptions at work for the purpose of measures concerning against the new coronavirus](#)