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## Message on Measures for the Prevention of COVID-19

To: All Students in the College of Arts and Sciences  
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The number of people infected with COVID-19 is now rapidly increasing. The University of Tokyo has been coping with this situation by increasing the ratio of staff working remotely, thus reducing the overall level of activity on campus. However, clusters of infection have been observed among students, particularly students who have been eating and drinking together as part of Junior Division class activities and students who have travelled together as part of their extracurricular activities.

In view of this situation, we strongly call your attention to the following two points:

1. It is clear from past cases that infections spread easily when more than one person eat and drink together, and when they travel together, especially when they stay together overnight. We therefore strongly urge you to be very cautious about both meals and travel—under all conditions and involving any number of people—and to consider seriously cancelling or postponing such activities.
2. UTokyo is now able to provide vaccinations to the entire university community, and we have a sufficient reservation capacity for all students. While vaccinations are not absolutely required of students, we urge you to take this opportunity to get vaccinated to protect both your own health and the health of those around you. Those of you who may come into contact with many people through, for example, extracurricular activities are especially urged to get vaccinated soon.

We received many valuable responses from students to the survey we launched on August 2 about ways to improve the Komaba I Campus. Thank you for your kind cooperation. We are now reading and analysing your answers in order to make our campus better and safer as soon as possible. The survey is still open, and we will be grateful for your continued cooperation.

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