

March 27, 2020

To current and new students who have returned to or entered Japan on or after March 1st

We believe that this outbreak of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) has undoubtedly caused a great deal of concern for all of us.

As announced on March 18 in the “Message from President Gonokami Regarding the University Response to the COVID-19” which can be found on our website, the University of Tokyo is taking a variety of measures to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 infection.

On March 25, the Governor of Tokyo has issued a request for all citizens returning to Japan from abroad to take self-isolation measure in order to cope with this crisis.

In response to this policy, we would like all students who have returned to/entered Japan on or after March 1, irrespective of their medical condition, to stay at home for 14 days from the date following their return/entry to Japan and to monitor their health condition.

This is because there have been many cases of people who have entered Japan from abroad and have not shown clear symptoms but are potentially carrying the virus. They may potentially become a source of the infection and pose serious risks to other people.

This 14-day self-isolation is to cope with such concerns and is not required from the 15th day following the date you entered Japan. (This rule, therefore, does not apply to those who have already in Japan for more than 14 days).

For now, our immediate goal is to contain the spread of the virus as soon as possible. We shall continue taking all the necessary measures to respond to this difficult situation.

We greatly appreciate your kindly understanding and cooperation.

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