Guidelines to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19
(For all UTokyo students, faculty and staff)

All UTokyo members are requested to follow the below guidelines to make the university campus a safe place to conduct research and educational activities.

[IMPORTANT] Be sure to measure your temperature on the day you plan to come to the university. Please refrain from coming on-campus if you feel unwell, such as feeling tired or feverish.

1. Everyday precautions

(1) Implementation of basic infection control measures
• Wash hands diligently and disinfect fingers, avoid the 3Cs.
• From April 1, wearing of masks will be based on personal judgment. However, please respond appropriately in the following cases.
  * When the instructor in charge of the class determines that it is necessary to wear masks due to the style or method of the class. When the instructor in charge of the class determines that masks interfere with the operation of the class.
  * When visiting medical institutions or facilities for the elderly, etc.
  * When travelling on crowded trains or buses, such as during rush hours
  * When a person with a high risk of becoming seriously ill goes to a crowded place during a period when infection is spreading, etc.

(2) On campus
• Keep classrooms etc. well ventilated using mechanical ventilation, or by keeping windows and doors open.
• When using shared spaces, such as the dining halls, libraries, and common rooms, remember to wash your hands and use hand sanitizer frequently.

(3) Going out and holidays
• Regarding the cases of infection on campus, many cases have been caused by having meals and drinking parties. Cases of infection spreading from asymptomatic persons have also been reported. When eating and drinking, please take measures to prevent infection, such as referring to the certification of local governments when choosing a restaurant to use, and refraining from participating when you are not feeling well.

Report to the contact person of your department immediately.

Be ready to provide information on:
  • Time of onset, symptoms, and the date you tested positive
  • Cause of infection, circumstances
  • Instructions from the public health center, consultation center or medical institution to you and others
  • Record of your activities on campus for the 2-days before the onset and 2-days prior to when the sample that tested positive for the coronavirus was collected (places you visited, people with whom you had contact)
  • Public health center, consultation center, medical institution you consulted (name, staff in charge, contact details)

<Ending isolation • self-quarantine in the event you tested positive * Procedures until the status of the coronavirus infectious disease is changed under the Infectious Disease Law>
• Make sure to follow the instructions from the public health center when they contact you.
• Even if you do not receive explicit instructions from the public health center,
  【If symptomatic】The patient can end their isolation if they meet the following requirements:
  1) It is 7 or more days since the first day with symptoms and 2) 24 hours since your recovery (or, if PCR or other tests are performed twice at least 24 hours apart after the symptoms have subsided and the results are negative(★)) .
  【If asymptomatic】1) It is 7 days after the date of sample collection, or 2) if you confirm a negative test with a test kit on the 5th day, you may end the isolation on the following day (★).
  【Cases in which an asymptomatic person develops symptoms】
  1) It is 10 or more days since the first day with symptoms and 2) 72 hours since your recovery.
  (★) You are a risk of infection for 10 days if you have symptoms, or 7 days if you do not have symptoms. Please take self-initiated measures to prevent spreading infection, such as checking your own health condition such as temperature measurement, avoiding places with high risk of infection, avoiding eating together and wearing a mask.

*Critera for ending medical treatment are subject to change. For details, please refer to the attached Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare "Close contact with someone with COVID-19".*
3. If you are a close contact or suspected of being a close contact

(1) If you are considered a close contact of a person with COVID-19

- Quarantine at home and make sure to follow the instructions from the public health center when they contact you.
- Report to the contact person of your department immediately.
- Even if you do not receive explicit instructions from the public health center, you basically will have to remain 5 days at home, etc., with the day of the last contact with the infected person as day zero (0). During that time, pay close attention to your health condition by measuring your body temperature every morning and night, and if you have any of strong symptoms such as dyspnea (dyspnea), strong fatigue (malaise), or high fever, please consult with your family doctor or contact point that is listed in your local government’s website. If you find out that you are infected with the coronavirus following your consultation, please report it to the contact point of your department. If a negative result is confirmed on the 2nd and 3rd days from tests at a medical institution or a test using an antigen qualitative test kit(*), you may return to school or work from the 3rd day but only limited to cases where there is an unavoidable work or educational reasons once you have reported to the contact point of the department to which you belong. However, in either cases, you should continue to check your health condition by measuring the temperature, and take measures against infection by avoiding high-risk places, eating meals in large groups, etc., wearing a mask, etc. until 7 days have.

(*) Be sure to use an antigen qualitative test kits (using a nasopharyngeal specimen or nasal cavity specimen) labeled as in-vitro diagnostic drugs approved by the government or classified as class 1 drugs. The cost of the inspection is to be covered by the applicant.

(2) When you are likely to be a close contact

- If you have been in contact with a family member living with you who has been infected or you did not follow basic infection control measures (hand washing, cough etiquette, bring to attention, etc.) while eating or drinking with someone who has been infected during the infectious period (from 2 days before the onset date to being diagnosed with the coronavirus and being isolated, or from 2 days before the day when the sample was collected to being isolated after being diagnosed with the coronavirus in the case you have no symptoms), please remain at home, etc. without going to school or work, and immediately report it to the contact point of your department.

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4. Consultation when feeling unwell

- Please consult the Health Service Center about seeing a doctor, and the need for testing and treatment.
  - The University of Tokyo Health Service Center (http://www.hc.u-tokyo.ac.jp/en/)
    [Hongo] TEL: 03-5841-2579
    [Komaba] (Students) TEL: 03-5454-6180, (Faculty and Staff) TEL: 03-5454-6166
    [Kashiwa] TEL: 04-7136-3040

- If the Health Service Center is closed, such as at night or during holidays, please call the appropriate consultation center below for consultation by phone.

  - COVID-19 consultation centers
    TOKYO Tokyo Multilingual Consultation Navi (https://www.tokyo-tsunagari.or.jp/joint/)
    [Weekdays (10:00 – 16:00)] TEL: 03-6258-1227
    CHIBA Chiba Coronavirus Hotline for Foreign Residents (https://www.pref.chiba.lg.jp/international/index.html)
    [24 hours, 365 days] TEL: 092-687-6564
    SAITAMA Coronavirus Hotline for Foreign Residents (https://sia1.jp/en/topics/coronahotline/)
    [24 hours including weekends and holidays] TEL: 048-711-3025
    KANAGAWA Phone Counseling Services (https://www.pref.kanagawa.jp/docs/k2w/covid19/en_call.html)
    [Seven days a week (around the clock)] TEL: 045-285-1015
    - Residents of Yokohama City, Kawasaki City, Sagamihara City, Yokosuka City, Fujisawa City and Chigasaki City & Samukawa Town are advised to visit the website of the respective municipal office.
    - Call center for foreign travelers (https://www.mlit.go.jp/kankocho/content/001327108.pdf)
    [24 hours, 365 days] Japan Visitor Hotline TEL: 050-3816-2787
    - Your nearest medical institution, primary care doctor

- If you are diagnosed to have the coronavirus infection following a medical examination, please report it to the contact point of your department.