

To all newly enrolled international students in April 2020

Measures in Response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) (Ver. 3)

1. Kyoto University's Policy on the Novel Coronavirus

Kyoto University is taking measures to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus in accordance with the Kyoto University Policy on the Novel Coronavirus. Please be sure to check the latest information on the university website and through the KULASIS student portal:

<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/safety/coronavirus.html>

Regarding the implementation of classes, the first semester will commence from May 7 (Thu.), as announced in the notice "Changes to the class schedule for 2020" on the KULASIS student portal. In certain cases, if deemed necessary, the classes for some specialized undergraduate and graduate courses may commence before May 7 (Thursday). In such cases, details will be provided by the relevant faculties or graduate schools. Please note that further delays in the commencement of classes is possible depending of future developments in the novel coronavirus outbreak.

Important Information for preventing the spread of the COVID-19 on campus is also available in the following notices on the university website (see above for URL).

- "Measures to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in classes and lectures"
(March 26, 2020)
- "Prevention of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) infection"(March 31, 2020)

2. If your arrival in Japan will be delayed

The Japanese government has strengthened its border controls, and persons travelling from all countries and regions are being denied entry or are subject to visa restrictions. You may not be allowed to enter Japan, so please check the latest information on the websites of Japan's Ministry of Justice (MOJ) and Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA).

If you will be unable to attend the first classes of term, please contact the educational affairs section of the relevant faculty/graduate school's administrative office immediately. (If you are an exchange student coming to Kyoto University on a program through an inter-university student exchange agreement, please contact the International Education and Student Mobility Division.)

Links:

Website of Japan's Ministry of Justice (MOJ)

Information related to New Coronavirus Infection (COVID-19) from Immigration Services Agency
(Updated)

http://www.moj.go.jp/EN/nyuukokukanri/kouhou/m_nyuukokukanri01_00003.html

Website of Japan's Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MOFA)

“Strengthening border measures related to novel coronavirus (COVID-19): Visa restrictions”

March 6, 2020	https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001051.html
March 18	https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page6e_000199.html
March 20	https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001052.html
March 27	https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page25e_000326.html
April 1	https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001056.html

3. After traveling (or returning) to Japan from overseas

○ Both Japanese and foreign nationals traveling to Japan from overseas are subject to a two-week period of self-quarantine at a location designated by the Quarantine Office (such as their own home), and are instructed not to use public transport during the two-week period (they must travel in their own car or in a vehicle rented at the airport). If they cannot arrange such transportation, they must stay at a hotel near the airport for the duration of the two-week self-quarantine. Please be sure to book a hotel for two-week quarantine period before leaving your home country.

Link

Website of Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW)

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/newpage_00032.html

Please see the following sections: “4. Border Control Measures” and “3. Q & A on 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)”

○ In accordance with the university's policy, we are instructing students traveling (or returning) from overseas to stay at home (studying at home, etc.) for two weeks while monitoring their health carefully, unless they must go outside for unavoidable reasons.

○ The university will take appropriate measures to ensure that students who are self-quarantining to monitor their health for two weeks after returning or travelling to Japan from overseas are not disadvantaged (such as extended deadlines for course registration, the provision of supplemental classes, and report assignments, etc.). If you will be unable to attend the first classes of term, please contact the educational affairs section of the relevant faculty/graduate school's administrative office immediately. (If you are an exchange student coming to Kyoto University on a program through an inter-university student exchange agreement, please contact the International Education and Student Mobility Division.)

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