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To all students,

Notice: Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Prevention Measures

Recently, the number of confirmed novel coronavirus (COVID-19) infections in Kyoto, Osaka, and Hyogo prefectures has been decreasing, following a period of rapid increase during the preceding months. In view of this situation, the governors of Kyoto, Osaka, and Hyogo prefectures requested the central government to lift the state of emergency based on the Act on Special Measures for the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19). In response to this request, the central government lifted the state of emergency in the three prefectures on February 28, 2021.

In view of these developments, Kyoto University will reduce its level of activity restriction from Level 2- to Level 1 in all three categories from March 1 (as specified in the university's "Guidelines for the Restriction of Activities to Prevent the Spread of the Novel Coronavirus").

However, as the COVID-19 virus has not yet been completely contained in Japan, all students are requested to take all possible measures to prevent the spread of the virus, including the preventive measures described below.

If you feel unwell, please consult with a local public health center. If you are confirmed to have been infected with the novel coronavirus, to have had close contact with an infected person, or if a family member or person cohabiting with you is confirmed to have had close contact with an infected person, please report the situation to your faculty or department of affiliation immediately.

The Counselling Office of the university's General Student Support Center and departmental consultation services are providing counseling services for students. Please contact them if you have any problems or concerns.

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Please refrain from any activities that may cause the spread of COVID-19, including the following:

- Non-essential travel to areas subject to the state of emergency.
- Going outside for nonessential reasons.
- Gathering over food and drink with a large number of people (including home parties, welcome parties, and farewell parties)
- Graduation trips.
- The "Five Situations" that increase the risk of infection: (1) Social gatherings involving drinking, (2) Eating and drinking with a large number of people for prolonged period of time, (3) Conversations without wearing a mask, (4) Living together in a small space, and (5) Frequently moving to different locations.

References:

- Kyoto University's Response to the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)
<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/en/about/safety/coronavirus>
- Request to refrain from extracurricular activities (Ver. 6)
<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/sites/default/files/inline-files/kagai-jishuku-210228-cb35fee0540b0e6f8c941f0a7b494607.pdf> (in Japanese)
- Manual for Preventive Measures when Holding Extracurricular Activities (Ver. 6)
<https://www.kyoto-u.ac.jp/sites/default/files/inline-files/yobou-manual-210228-3e79f984bce6c3c9db21e29ea836b992.pdf> (in Japanese)
- Counselling Office of the Kyoto University General Student Support Center
<https://www.gssc.kyoto-u.ac.jp/counsel/english.html>
- "Five Situations" that increase the risk of infection (Cabinet Secretariat website)
<https://corona.go.jp/prevention/pdf/en.5situations.pdf>
- Covid-19 Contact-Confirming Application (COCOA) (the website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)
https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/cocoa_00138.html
- Kyoto Prefecture Website: Information on the novel coronavirus infection
http://www.pref.kyoto.jp/kokusai/coronavirus_update.html
- Kyoto Prefecture Website: Medical consultation, services, and tests for the novel coronavirus
<https://www.pref.kyoto.jp/kentai/corona/soudan.html> (in Japanese)