

Urgent message to all students from President Nagahiro Minato

Since the end of last year, the novel coronavirus has spread rapidly in the Tokyo metropolitan area, and cases of infection in the Kansai region are also increasing at an alarming rate. The novel coronavirus is extremely infectious. The most common form of transmission is orally discharged airborne saliva droplets. Therefore, the most fundamental form of prevention is to avoid having close-range conversations and communal meals without wearing a non-woven mask. This is true regardless of the people present, the circumstances, or the time of day or night—the virus does not discriminate. We must never forget that, even if we only have very slight symptoms, or even no symptoms at all, we still risk spreading the virus and causing grave illness to others who are at high-risk. Taking these fundamental precautions in our daily lives is essential to enable us to return to a free and full life as soon as possible, including your studies at the university. As Kyoto University students, I have full confidence in your good sense and responsibility.

Nagahiro Minato

President

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