To all our college and graduate school students

Call for vigilance against COVID-19 infection and its spread on and off campus

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Ritsumeikan University has partially resumed face-to-face teaching and research activities in its colleges and graduate schools, with measures in place to prevent the spread of infection. Extracurricular activities have also resumed where authorized by the Dean of Student Affairs. However, COVID-19 infection is now showing renewed virulence. In order to reduce the risk of infection to themselves and to others, students entering campus are requested to show vigilance on the points listed below.

Students are additionally requested to read through the following notice on the university website once more: http://en.ritsumei.ac.jp/news/detail/?id=488%20target= (Thinking About Your Situation: Advice for All Students—Responding to the State of Emergency Declaration on the Spread of the Novel Coronavirus). Although this notice was issued in March at the time of the Japanese government’s declaration of a state of emergency, we recommend that you take note of its advice as we do not consider the situation to have changed significantly since then.

1. Carefully monitor your state of health from day to day. When visiting campus, measure your body temperature before setting out. If you have a high temperature or do not feel well, please limit your visits to campus as far as possible. (If this means that you will miss a practicum, experiment, or similar, please contact the relevant member of teaching staff, college office, or Manabi Station. Likewise, if you are going to miss an extracurricular activity, please contact a club officer).

2. In addition to wearing a mask at all times on campus and on your way to and from campus, please make sure to cleanse your hands thoroughly using the alcohol-based disinfectant or alternative substance provided at each facility entrance and other locations. It is easy to become dehydrated when wearing a mask, so please remember to drink sufficient fluid and take other measures against heatstroke.

3. After completing your practicum, experiment, or other event, or completing your use of the specific campus facility, please do not prolong your stay on campus but return home promptly without making any non-essential or non-urgent stop-offs on the way.

4. Whether on or off campus, please avoid communal eating or drinking with friends or other associates. In particular, please avoid the use of facilities which may be the origin of cluster infections (karaoke venues, theaters, live music venues, bars, pubs, and taverns, etc.).