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**[Notice] Policy on COVID-19 effective immediately after the change in  
its legal status under the Infectious Disease Act  
(effective on or after May 8, 2023)**

The University's precautionary guidelines against COVID-19 and its spread have been set forth based on the Basic Response Policy and other measures by the Government of Japan pursuant to the Act on Special Measures against Novel Influenza, etc. (Act No. 31 of 2012). Based on the fact that the classification of COVID-19 under the Infectious Disease Act is downgraded from Novel Influenza Infection, etc. to Class V infectious disease as of May 8, 2023, the University has resolved to move its Alert Level from Level 1 to Level 0 prescribed in the Hokkaido University Business Continuity Plan During Coronavirus Outbreak (hereinafter referred to as the "BCP") and terminate the BCP.

The following is the policy on COVID-19 effective immediately after the change is made in its legal status under the Infectious Disease Act. Please act accordingly.

The COVID-19 Task Force shall be maintained for the time being, and in the event of unforeseen circumstances, the Task Force will respond appropriately.

1. Response to COVID-19 Cases

- There are no reporting of new cases and no work restrictions.
- The University no longer determines the number of cases within the University nor discloses such information.

2. Precautionary Actions

- As a general rule, the University does not mandate universal precautions for infection control and leaves it to the discretion of each individual, school, faculty, institute, etc.

- Mask wearing shall be optional, and based on individual preference. Wearing a mask is recommended in situations where it is effective in preventing infection, such as when using public transportation during the commute or when visiting medical or elderly care facilities.
- Avoiding 3Cs (Closed spaces, Crowded places, and Close-contact settings), practicing social distancing, cough etiquette, and hand hygiene including thorough hand washing, as well as ensuring good ventilation are recommended since they are effective in preventing common infectious diseases.
- All members of the University are expected to proactively manage their health. In the event of contracting COVID-19, the law does not require to stay home. As a general rule, whether or not to stay home shall be at the discretion of the individual. Refer to the period of isolation recommended by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare as guidance. \*

\* The Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare recommends that those who have contracted COVID-19 should stay home until five days have passed since the onset of symptoms, counting the day of onset as day 0, and until 24 hours have passed after symptoms have subsided.

### 3. Research Activities

- Appropriate decisions shall be made by comprehensively considering the following for each case: the local pandemic situation, the field and methods of research, financial damage incurred to or importance of the research, risk of developing a serious illness for the people involved, etc. The latest information on the methods and modes of research shall be taken into account as well.

### 4. Classes (lectures/seminars/experiments/hands-on training)

- In principle, all classes are conducted in person. Alternative options must be provided to students who missed classes due to unavoidable circumstances, such as contacting COVID-19.
- Admissions shall be conducted in accordance with the notification of the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology, etc. The exact method of implementation shall be described in the application guideline. The procedures may change depending on the pandemic situation or other reasons. In such cases, it will be promptly announced both inside and outside the University.

### 5. Student Extracurricular Activities

- There are no restrictions on student extracurricular activities or the use of extracurricular facilities.
- When engaging in extracurricular activities, including travel and meetings involving food and beverages as a student group, "2. Precautionary Actions " shall be noted.

#### 6. Work Arrangement

- Regular work schedule; no remote work or staggered work hours are implemented due to COVID-19.

#### 7. Meetings (including trainings/workshop/orientation)

- There are no restrictions on organizing and hosting conferences, trainings, workshops, etc. due to COVID-19.
- In accordance with the "Guidelines for the Use of Web Conferencing 「Web 会議活用ガイドライン」 " as of November 9, 2021, meetings at the University shall be in principle held online, in order to improve efficiency and speed of operations, including accommodating various work styles, reducing travel costs, etc.

#### 8. Campus Visits by Non-University Members

- There are no restrictions on campus entry due to COVID-19.

#### 9. Other

- The University Libraries shall be open under the generally recommended infection control measures.
- There are no restrictions on organizing and hosting events, etc. due to COVID-19.
- There are no restrictions on medical care at the Health Care Center due to COVID-19.
- There are no restrictions on the use of Student Advice and Counseling Center due to COVID-19.

#### 10. Abolition of Notification, Guidelines, etc.

- The following notification, guidelines, etc. are abolished.

Effective Date	Sender	Subject
April 17, 2020	COVID-19 Task Force	Hokkaido University Business Continuity Plan During Coronavirus Outbreak (BCP)
November 18,	COVID-19 Task	Hokkaido University Business

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2020	Force	Continuity Plan During Coronavirus Outbreak: Response Plan at Alert Level 1 (revised: April 1, 2023)
March 11, 2022	COVID-19 Task Force Executive Director	新型コロナウイルス感染症拡大防止のための海外渡航及び日本への入国の制限について (in Japanese)
September 27, 2022	COVID-19 Task Force	新型コロナウイルス感染者発生時の対応について (通知) (第8版) (in Japanese)
February 28, 2020	Executive Director, Administration Bureau Director	発熱等の症状がある北海道大学病院及び子どもの園保育園に勤務する職員の就業上の取扱いについて (通知) (in Japanese)
March 13, 2020	Executive Director, Administration Bureau Director	時差出勤の実施について (通知) (in Japanese)
March 24, 2020	Executive Director, Administration Bureau Director	検疫法に規定する停留の対象となった職員又は検疫所長が指定する場所での待機を要請された職員の就業上の措置について (通知) (in Japanese)
April 1, 2020	Executive Director, Administration Bureau Director	北海道大学病院に勤務する職員の就業禁止の取扱いについて (通知) (in Japanese)
May 13, 2020	Executive Director, Administration Bureau Director	発熱等の症状がある職員 (北海道大学病院及び子どもの園保育園に勤務する者を除く) の就業上の取扱いについて (通知) (in Japanese)
July 10, 2020	Executive Director, Administration Bureau Director	新型コロナウイルス感染症感染防止のための国内出張の自粛等の取扱いについて (通知) (in Japanese)

June 14, 2021	Executive Director	新型コロナウイルスワクチン接種に係る就業上の取扱いについて（通知）(in Japanese)
March 28, 2022	President, COVID-19 Task Force Executive Director	新型コロナウイルス感染症の感染防止及び事業継続のための教職員の勤務の対応等について（通知）(in Japanese)
March 28, 2022	Executive Director	新型コロナウイルス感染症の感染防止等のための事務系職員の勤務の対応等について（通知）(in Japanese)
January 12, 2023	Executive Director, Administration Bureau Director	新型コロナウイルス感染症に罹患した職員及び濃厚接触者となった職員の就業上の措置について（通知）(in Japanese)
November 18, 2020	Chief Health and Safety Officer, Office of Health and Safety Director	新型コロナウイルスの感染予防について(in Japanese)
January 12, 2023	Executive Vice President	学生が新型コロナウイルス感染症に罹患等した場合の対応について（第11版）（罹患報告書（学生用）を含む）(in Japanese)
August 3, 2020	Executive Vice President	課外活動及び課外活動施設利用時の感染拡大防止対策の指針(in Japanese)
September 9, 2022	Executive Vice President	「新型コロナウイルス感染症に罹患した学生が出席した対面授業の取扱い」の一部改訂について（通知）(in Japanese)
March 13, 2023	Executive Vice President	北海道大学における令和5年度の授業実施方針の一部改訂について（通知）(in Japanese)
October 25, 2022	Executive Vice President	新型コロナウイルス感染症拡大に伴う学生の海外派遣及び外国人留学生受入れにおける対応について（第7版）(in Japanese)

October 19, 2020	President	日本政府による国際的な人の往来再開に向けた段階的措置を踏まえた本学の取扱いについて（通知）(in Japanese)
October 20, 2020	Accounts Division Manager (Finance Department)	日本政府による国際的な人の往来再開に向けた段階的措置を踏まえた本学の取扱いに係る旅行手続きについて(通知) (in Japanese)