

With the COVID-19 pandemic expected to last for a while, the focus is now on long term measures. From May 18, the university is at BCP level 3 with minor changes. That means:

Research:

- Some research activities (such as laboratory work) will be allowed under strict control and tightened administrative procedures.
- Instead of a uniform set of guidelines, each department will be asked to establish its own control system in line with the university's safety criteria.
- Research activities that do not require in-person or laboratory work shall continue to be done remotely from home.

Students:

- All classes will be conducted online, which students should access from home.
- The university is exploring safe ways to open classrooms for students who don't have adequate internet access at home to use campus Wi-Fi.
- Students should avoid part-time jobs that put them at risk of infection.
- Group meetings and social gatherings are strictly prohibited.
- All travel (domestic and overseas) is also still prohibited.

Administrative structure:

- The administrative structure will remain as indicated in the original BCP.
- For level 3, it means that staff who can, should work from home; and administrative duties will be handled by skeletal staff and those doing remote or flexible shiftwork. Meetings must be conducted via ICT.
- Business travel is allowed only if it is absolutely unavoidable and approved by department heads.
- Moving forward, the university will introduce a new electronic decision-making system that will eliminate the need for "hanko" seal stamps.