

# Tohoku University Emergency Action Plan (BCP) for Preventing Spread of COVID-19 Infection (Revised Version)

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The decision to move a stage (level) is determined by the task force, taking into account the overall situation of the country, the region and the campus.

This Action Plan applies to all faculties in principle. Each department or area head can set the level deemed appropriate to the situation.

LV	Standard	Research Activities	Classes	Business Trip	Internal Meetings	Student extracurricular activities	Events (Held by TU)	Administrative management system
0		Normal Operation	Normal Operation	Normal Operation	Normal Operation	Normal Operation	Normal Operation	Normal Operation
1	A domestic infection has been confirmed.	Research activities can be carried out by implementing thorough infection prevention measures through each department's management system.	With adequate infection prevention measures in place, the classes will be conducted through a combination of face-to-face instruction and online instruction.	Check the infection status at the business trip location and take extra care in your activities.	In-person meetings can take place with the thorough measures to prevent the spread of infection. Online meetings are encouraged.	Extracurricular activities can be carried out if appropriate measures to prevent infections are put in place and permission has been obtained based on the Guidelines for Extracurricular Activities.	Events and activities can be held accordance with the guidelines for holding events, provided adequate measures to prevent the spread of infection are taken.	Usual business can take place with thorough measures to prevent the spread of infection. Depending on the nature of the work, staggered work hours and 10-30% telecommuting are recommended.
2	The government has declared a state of emergency outside of Miyagi Prefecture, and certain restrictions have been imposed.	Research activities will be carried out following the thorough implementation of measures to prevent infections, as managed by each department.	In-person classes will be held in combination with online classes, with appropriate measures to prevent infections put in place.	Refrain from unnecessary and non-urgent business trips to areas where the infection is spreading.	Face-to-face meetings should be kept to a minimum, and in principle, we recommend online meetings.	Extracurricular activities can be carried out if appropriate measures to prevent infections are put in place and permission has been obtained based on the Guidelines for Extracurricular Activities.	In principle, online. However, if the nature of the event requires a face-to-face session and permission has been obtained from the head of the department, the session can be conducted face-to-face in accordance with the guidelines for holding events.	Most work will be carried out as normal, with the utmost care taken to prevent the spread of infections. Teleworking will also be promoted.
3	A state of emergency was declared in Miyagi Prefecture by the government, and certain restrictions were imposed.	Although research activities can be carried out if departments carry out appropriate measures to prevent the spread of infection, it is recommended that everyone reduce the amount of time they spend on site and to carry out activities at home if possible.	In principle, classes are conducted online. In cases where face-to-face sessions are essential for regular examinations, dissertation examinations, and practical skills, experiments, and training courses, and for classes for first- and second-year undergraduate students, face-to-face sessions will be conducted with sufficient infection prevention measures in place.	Only when it is absolutely necessary for business and permission from the department head has been obtained	In-person meetings should be kept to a minimum, and online meetings are recommended in principle.	Extracurricular activities can be carried out if appropriate measures to prevent infections are put in place and permission has been obtained based on the Guidelines for Extracurricular Activities.	In principle, online.	While taking substantive steps to prevent the spread of infection, employees are encouraged to telework, depending on the nature of their work.
4	The infection is spreading continuously on our campus.	Research activities will be limited to the minimum number of activities, and interviews with other visitors will be avoided by taking turns.	Online lectures only	In principle, prohibited	Online conferences only	Prohibited	Postponement or cancellation	The number of employees will be kept to a minimum to continue important ongoing administrative duties, and the number of employees will be lessened by shortening shifts. All other employees shall, in principle, telecommute. This means 70-80% of staff shall telecommute.

5	The infection is spreading explosively on our campus.	In order to maintain a minimum level of university functions, laboratory staff may enter laboratories briefly only with permission from the departmental head or other organizational representative. In principle, staff should enter in shifts and refrain from meeting unnecessary personnel.	Online lectures only (However, staff will be prohibited from conducting classes on campus)	In principle, prohibited	Online conferences only	Prohibited	Postponement or cancellation	As a general rule, employees are required to telecommute except for urgent tasks that require them to come to work.
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● Warnings regarding COVID-19

(Information about warnings will be posted as they are issued.)

While the available vaccines are highly effective, there have been instances of vaccinated individuals becoming infected. Please take the appropriate measures to prevent the spread of infections.

- \* These restrictions do not apply to coronavirus-related medical staff and researchers.
- \* The TU BCP may be revised at any time due to changes in the phase of infection, the situation at that time, etc.
- \* For overseas travel, please refer to the guidelines regarding overseas trips made by Tohoku University staff and re-entry/return to Japan (February 15, 2021) [In Japanese: 本学構成員の海外渡航及び本邦への再入国・帰国について]
- \* Please refer to the various guidelines that have been posted:
  - <Research Activities> The management system regarding measures to prevent infections within each department (May 11, 2020)
  - <Classes> The New Style of Conducting Classes to Coincide with the New Normal [In Japanese: ニューノーマルに対応した新しい授業形態について]  
Guidelines regarding the management of classes at BCP Levels 1-3 (March 31, 2021)
  - <Entrance Examinations> Guidelines for entrance examinations in response to COVID-19 (June 4, 2021) [In Japanese: 令和4年度大学入学者選抜に係る新型コロナウイルス感染症に対応した試験実施のガイドライン]
  - <Student Extracurricular Activities> Guidelines for Extracurricular Activities (July 3, 2020) [In Japanese: 新型コロナウイルス感染症（COVID-19）対策に係る東北大学課外活動ガイドライン]
  - <Volunteer Activities> Guidelines for Volunteer Activities (August 5, 2020) [In Japanese: 新型コロナウイルス感染症（COVID-19）対策に係る東北大学ボランティア活動ガイドライン]
  - <Dormitories> Guidelines for Residents on Preventing the Spread of COVID-19 Infections (September 9, 2021) [In Japanese: 学生寄宿舍新型コロナウイルス感染症の拡大防止に向けた入居生活ガイドライン]
  - <Events> Guidelines Regarding the Prevention of Coronavirus Infections at Events (June 12, 2020)
  - <Libraries> Libraries open with restricted services