

Dear students,

Vice president of Nara University of Education

Calling attention to the further spread of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) infection

We hope you are doing well.

Given the spread of infection in Tokyo metropolitan area and Kinki area including Nara, we announced the notice “Important matter in taking following classes by “face-to-face system”. Supplementary classes no later than August 31st including “the 2020 school year’s supplementary classes and spring semester examination period (from July 29th to August 12nd)”, the spring semester examinations and intensive classes in the spring semester.” on July 14th. We would like you to kindly understand that you continue to take classes by online.

We may say the current situation is the second wave of outbreak in a sense. Many cases have been confirmed especially among younger generation in teenagers or in their twenties. In Nara, the first cluster occurred and some prefectural high schools have been closed. You don’t have to excessively fear this situation, but we would like you to read “Guideline for all students and staff members against coronavirus” once again, and please make sure to strictly observe 3 rules ① Not infecting others, ② Protecting yourself from infection, ③ Social risk management.

<https://www.nara-edu.ac.jp/ADMIN/RYUGAKU/shishin0706.pdf>

Many cases also have been confirmed recently although the infected persons are asymptomatic (they don’t have any symptoms). In this regard, please be aware that “I might be infected.” when you take face to face classes, and please spend your daily life carefully. Also, please refrain from eating and drinking as well as working part-time in so-called “night life spot”. Please avoid walking with your friends in close distance as far as possible when you come into the university to take face to face classes.

The faculty and staff have been committed to work hard to the utmost in order to protect your health. We are deliberately considering so that classes and extracurricular activities will be conducted as usual as early as possible. We have to ask you to have a school life with many restrictions for the time being, but we would like you to kindly understand this situation, and please be careful for your health.

Holidays in four consecutive days in a row are coming next week. We hope that you could find a joy in your regular life by keeping regular hours, and have a fruitful school life even in this difficult time.

Last but not least, Japanese government are showing examples to practice “the new way of life” with assuming coronavirus. It is important to understand in the right way and to take appropriate measures in order to coexist with coronavirus. In this regard, our university hold an online lecture “In order to coexist with coronavirus-to learn and fear the virus in a right manner-” yesterday. As you can watch this lecture on demand as our university -only service, please make sure to watch it.

Please click here to watch the lecture on demand.

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