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Dear students,

President of Nara University of Education

Message for starting fall semester

We understand you went through a lot of hardships such as taking non-face-to-face (online) classes and canceling extracurricular activities due to coronavirus in spring semester. Fortunately, there was no coronavirus cases confirmed on campus and we were able to finish spring semester without any problems. We deeply appreciate for your cooperation in preventing the spread of coronavirus infection.

Fall semester has started from today. We will increase face-to-face system in classes and seminars, and partly lift the ban on extracurricular activities under the specific conditions that you take appropriate measures in order to prevent coronavirus infection. Going forward, we will continue to consider further relaxation of restrictive measures in each case in accordance with the infection situation in society.

However, the spread of coronavirus infection has not yet ended and the flu season is approaching. Please continue to take thorough preventive measures against the spread of infection on both sides.

According to a survey of infection routes by Tohoku University, the breakdown is as follows.
Dormitories 27% / Extracurricular activities 19% / Classes 1%/ Off-campus dinner 18% /
Travel and Go out 7% / Part time job 2%

In total, 48% is on-campus and 52% is off-campus.

In fall semester classes at our university, the number of students being less than 50% or less of the capacity of the classroom is one of the conditions for conducting face to face classes. At the same time, every one of you need to be aware of preventing the spread of infection regarding dormitory life, extracurricular activities and activities outside of the university. We'd like to ask you once again to keep paying enough attention to prevent infection.

Unfortunately, the entrance ceremony for new students has not been held yet. We are planning to provide opportunities for students to meet each other by each course. We also would like to hold a welcome party instead of the entrance ceremony and congratulate you after a while with continuously monitoring the situation.

Once again, please pay attention to your health. Especially for those who graduate in March, we hope you do your best to prepare your graduation thesis and master's thesis. As for new students, we hope you make friends through classes and club activities and enjoy your student life.

We will continue to do the utmost to ensure your safety. We look forward to all of your success.