

April 17, 2020

Dear Students, Faculty and Staff members,

President

Measures due to the Expanding a State of Emergency to Entire Nation

Yesterday, Japanese government announce that the scope of the state of emergency will be expanded from seven prefectures (Tokyo, Kanagawa, Saitama, Chiba, Osaka, Hyogo, and Fukuoka) to all prefectures in Japan. (Effective until May 6)

In addition, the 13 prefectures (above seven prefectures and Hokkaido, Ibaraki, Ishikawa, Gifu, Aichi and Kyoto) have now been designated as "special alert prefectures" where it is necessary to promote efforts to prevent the spread of infections.

Measures against coronavirus at JAIST was notified through email on April 14 with the title of "Prevention Measures Against COVID-19 Infection", however, JAIST will strongly request to take following measures take account of the expansion of a state of emergency to entire Japan.

○Reduce close contact with other people

- Avoid nonessential going back home or travel as much as possible.
- To avoid COVID-19 infection on campus, you must follow the rules listed below very strictly.

Every member of JAIST community must take responsible action and attitude to secure safety of our campus.

*Reduce your face-to-face contacts with people up to 80%

*Always keep at least 2-meter distance from each other

*Avoid closed space

*Avoid crowded place

*Avoid close-contact conversation

- Any group gatherings including parties are strictly prohibited.
- Always wear a mask when you are outside of your residence
- Make it a custom to clean your hands with soap or sanitizer as often as possible

- Ensure information security and work or study at home if it is available.
- Ensure your safety and work with the minimum number of staff if on-campus work is required in order to continue a research.

○Manage the physical condition

- Wash your hands and gargle frequently, and practice wearing a mask and cough etiquette.
- In case there is a person suspected of a close contact in your family, self-isolation is required until the person is confirmed as not a close contact. If the person is confirmed as a close contact, self-isolation is required for the same period that the family member self-isolate.

In case your family member is confirmed as not a close contact, you are available to come to JAIST. If the symptoms like fever developed after that, please follow the measures (self-isolate, see a doctor, contact the Consultation Center and others)

- In case you do not feel well, inform Crisis Management (kikikanri@jaist.ac.jp) and take a good rest. Avoid nonessential outing until you perfectly recover even if the symptoms is improved.

○ confirm the contact system

- JAIST will provide information through email or on homepage. On homepage, you are able to find past notification or the latest information. Please reread it.
- Confirm the contact system between students and supervisor, faculty and School of Dean, and staff members and superiors.