

“Message from the university president concerning  
the rapid expansion of the Omicron variant”

January 11, 2022 (Reiwa 4) Hidenori Fujita, Tsuru University President

Students and Faculty,

While the Omicron variant has spread rapidly, classes for the second semester resumed on January 11. The exam period is coming up in the next three weeks. In March, we also have the graduation ceremony. I'm certain that you would like to have productive days in the meantime, and we, the faculty, hope that is possible.

Therefore, the activity guideline level will remain 1.5 for the time being. Also, the policy for on class/exam and on-campus activities will not change.

However, if on-campus infection should spread, we will have no choice but to implement stricter restrictions, such as raising the activity guideline level and revising the policy on class/extracurricular activities. To avoid this situation, I am asking you again to take thorough measures to prevent the infection. In line with the goals of not contracting COVID-19 yourself and avoiding the spread of COVID-19 to others, please take the following measures to prevent the infection.

- Hand-washing, wearing a mask, and thoroughly avoiding the 'Three Cs' are the basics of infection prevention.
- Refrain from eating with others and going on trips. If you have a part time job, please do so with utmost care.
- I'm asking each of you to think about what you should do to prevent the spread of infection and act accordingly.

◆Request for cooperation

Many of you may have gone back to your hometown or have gone traveling during the New Year holidays. **However, for those who went back or traveled to areas where 'semi-emergency coronavirus measures' are issued, taking a simple test is recommended to prevent the spread of infection. The simple test is provided for free by Yamanashi Prefecture.**

Because infection status changes dramatically day by day, policy/measures issued by government and local government are subject to change. Due to this, our university may change its policy to deal with situation promptly and appropriately. Therefore, students and faculty should check the university website and CAMPUS SQUARE constantly to check the

latest information.

By taking thorough measures to prevent the infection, classes/exams and the submission of assignments should go smoothly, which leads up to your moving on to the next grade or graduation. I implore you to re-evaluate your daily lives and act appropriately.

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