

June 10, 2021

Vice President Hiroshi Yoneyama

To All Our Students,

**Change in APU's BCP Level and Preventative Measures in Response to the COVID-19
Situation (from June 10)**

The BCP activity level will be lowered from 3 to 2

Under the supervision of specialists, such as university physicians, the Ritsumeikan Trust established our BCP (Business Continuity Plan) Criteria to help organize university-related business practices in response to the spread of COVID-19 cases.

The criteria for decisions regarding APU's BCP activity level are based on 3 main points: (1) the six indicators set by the national government, (2) closure requests from national or local governments, and (3) the status of infections at APU.

In the indicators announced on the evening of June 4 (Friday), "at least half of the six indicators are below the criteria for Stage 3 (1)," defined in BCP Activity Level 2. We have also not received any (2) closure requests from national or local governments or seen (3) a spread of cases among APU students, faculty, or staff.

In consideration of the above, we will lower the BCP level to level 2.

Switch classes will reopen

All switch-style language classes which moved online entirely from May 20 (Thursday) will be reopened as switch-style classes after June 21 (Monday). Please confirm the in-person and online schedule of each class with the class instructor by June 21 (Monday). In addition, the restrictions for library use will be lifted from June 10 (Monday), including the use of Pangea which is currently limited. For details, please see the APU Library Website (<https://en.apu.ac.jp/media/>)

If you have any questions or concerns about classes, please contact the Academic Office.

Extracurricular activities are allowed upon taking measures to prevent infection (June 21 ~)

For any groups who wish to reopen in-person activities after June 21 (Monday), please get permission from the Student Office by submitting an activity application and a designated health survey form beforehand.

※Students who have moved outside of Oita Prefecture cannot participate in extracurricular activities until 2 weeks have passed after they have returned to Beppu.

※Please currently refrain from activities in which the "3 C's" are unavoidable, such as training camps. For those planning to travel to participate in league matches, please consult the Office beforehand.

Request to our students

Please continue taking thorough preventative measures.

If you will travel between prefectures before June 21, including the Quarter Break, please observe the 2-week time period (take classes online) before taking classes in-person. For those currently enrolled in switch-style classes, please consult your individual instructor.