

September 15, 2021

To all students:

Vice President Hiroshi Yoneyama

Business Continuity Plan (BCP) Continuation and APU's Response to COVID-19

BCP Activity Level 3 will be continued until October 6

On August 26, 2021, APU raised its BCP level from 2 to 3, prohibiting students from entering the campus and suspending all extracurricular activities.

Since the beginning of September, the coronavirus situation in Japan has calmed down somewhat in Tokyo and other urban areas, but the medical system is still being strained.

After the most severe outbreak in Oita Prefecture around August 20 when about 200 people were infected every day, the number of people infected last week has generally decreased to around 50 per day, but we still need to be careful. About 40 APU students have been reported to have been infected in the last two weeks since the beginning of September. In addition, students are starting to return to Beppu for the beginning of the fall semester, and we expect that there will be more movement across prefectural borders.

In consideration of the above information, we will continue the BCP Activity Level 3 until October 6.

o Fall semester classes will start Monday, October 4

All classes from October 4th (Mon) to 17th (Sun) will be held online. However, the number of coronavirus cases continues to fall nationwide, and APU's BCP level is expected to change to level 2 from October 6th (Wed) onwards. After carefully considering if a state of emergency or quasi-emergency measures are in place where you currently are, students who plan on taking classes in person should return to Beppu on October 4th (Mon) and monitor their temperature and health up until in-person classes start on October 18th (Mon). Also, after returning to Beppu, please avoid going out for unnecessary and nonessential reasons to prepare for in-person teaching from October 18th (Mon).

Furthermore, we ask that all students follow these guidelines regardless of if you have received the coronavirus vaccine.

o In-person extracurricular activities and volunteer activities are not allowed

In-person activities are not permitted for the duration until Wednesday, October 6. Use of campus facilities by clubs and circles, as well as use of the gymnasium and multipurpose ground by individual students is also prohibited.

Online activities are permitted (no prior notification necessary). However, please make sure that each participating student attends from their own home or room.

Groups planning to participate in official games or league matches should consult with the host league about postponing the event, and consult with the Student Office as soon as possible.

○ Students are not allowed to enter the campus

In principle, students are not allowed to enter campus until Wednesday, October 6.

However, students who do not have internet access at home may enter the campus to use computer classrooms to take online classes. Also, students who use the library for the purpose of borrowing materials may also enter the campus. AP House residents only may use the Co-op and Lawson convenience store after taking measures to prevent infection.

Students wishing to use the library should check the [APU Library Website](#) for information on how to use the library.

To obtain certificates such as a “Certificate of Enrollment,” please use either the certificate issuing service at convenience stores or apply to receive it by post. Please refer to [“How to Request Certificates / Transcripts” page](#) for further details.

Office inquiries and consultations

Inquiries and consultations at each office are basically handled via email and Zoom.

Check the website linked below for links to and contact information for university offices before making any inquiries. When sending email, please use your APU email (**@apu.ac.jp) whenever possible, and be sure to include your name and student ID number in the body of the email.

APU Office List: <https://en.apu.ac.jp/home/contents/contact.html/>

For all students

Please continue your efforts to prevent infection. Even if you have already received the coronavirus vaccination, it does not mean that your risk of infection is gone. Do not let your guard down against potential exposure, and be careful to not get infected or to infect others!

- There have been a number of cases of infection from parties with food or drink and other gatherings at apartments or after-work parties. Do not attend any gatherings like this.
- If you have traveled anywhere, get a PCR test or antigen test at your destination, and confirm the results are negative before returning to Beppu.

[Request for Students to take an Antigen /PCR Test Before Returning to Beppu](#)

- For two weeks after returning to Beppu, quarantine yourself (refrain from going out and do not visit with friends or other people) and check your temperature and physical condition every day.
- Students who have part-time jobs in Beppu City where they come into contact with people are encouraged to use the Beppu City PCR Test Center (free of charge) if they have any concerns about infection.
 - However, the Beppu City PCR Test Center cannot be used by anyone who has experienced even the slightest change in their physical condition or who is likely to have had close contact with an infected person.
- Be prepared and make sure you have a thermometer and have medicine on hand to relieve pain and reduce fever.
- To prevent infection by the highly infectious delta strain of the coronavirus, wear a non-woven mask with no gaps, instead of a cloth or urethane mask.

- If you test positive or if you have close contact with an infected person, you will be interviewed by the public health center. In order to prevent the spread of this highly infectious virus, please be honest and tell the public health center everything you know. Please do not forget to report your condition to APU. Be assured that your personal information will be protected.
APU Health Clinic: booking@apu.ac.jp
- Carefully read the following message and do everything you can to protect your health and the health of others.

[COVID-19 is spreading. Please do not travel to areas under a state of emergency or areas with quasi-emergency measures in place! \(August 20, 2021\)](#)