

October 6, 2021

To all students:

Vice President Hiroshi Yoneyama

Change in Business Continuity Plan (BCP) Level and APU's Response to COVID-19

Effective Monday, October 11 the BCP activity level will be lowered from 3 to 2.

The emergency declarations in 19 prefectures and the priority measures in eight prefectures that were taken to prevent the spread of COVID-19 were cancelled as of September 30. The situation has greatly improved in Oita Prefecture as well, and restrictions such as refraining from going out unnecessarily and requesting shortened business hours were lifted as of September 26.

As for APU, the university has received reports of several student infections since mid-September and we are still required to take thorough infection control measures, however the number of student infections has declined from the second half of July through the beginning of September and the situation is beginning to calm down.

In consideration of this situation, the university's BCP Activity Level will be lowered from 3 to 2 effective October 11.

◇ Class format from Monday, October 18

All classes from October 18th onwards will be implemented in the format (hybrid, on-campus, online) originally listed on the Course Timetable or syllabus. Please check the Academic Office's website below for more information on class formats and other important notices.

[AY 2021 Fall Semester On-Campus Class Implementation \(Updated July 23, 2021\)](#)

◇ In-person extracurricular and volunteer activities

Student organizations will be able to resume in-person activities on and off campus as of Monday, October 11.

However, organizations must submit an activity plan to the Student Office and receive permission before resuming any such activities. Please note that training camps or other activities where the "three Cs" (closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact settings) cannot be avoided are still prohibited.

For more information on resuming extracurricular activities, please refer to the Student Office website.

[Information on restarting extracurricular activities from October 7 \(updated October 6, 2021\)](#)

◇ Office inquiries and consultations

University offices will resume taking inquiries and consultations at each office beginning Monday, October 11. Please be sure to wear a nonwoven cloth mask when visiting any office.

Offices will also continue to accept inquiries and consultations 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: <http://en.apu.ac.jp/home/contents/contact.html/>

◇ A request to all students:

Please continue your efforts to prevent infection.

The number of students, faculty, and staff at APU who have been vaccinated is increasing, but even if you have been vaccinated it does not mean you are no longer at risk of infection. Please continue to wear a nonwoven cloth mask when out in public, and do not forget to take other precautions to prevent infection.

○ Do your part to stop the spread of the coronavirus!

- ① Check your temperature and your physical condition every single day.
- ② Use nonwoven cloth masks.
- ③ Always wear a mask when meeting people, and if indoors open windows to ensure proper ventilation.
- ④ There have been several cases of infection from parties with food or drink, house parties, or after-work parties. Please refrain from participating in any gatherings like these.

○ If you think you have a cold...

It is easy to get sick when the seasons change. If you feel any change in your health at all, please stay in your room and consult with the APU Health Clinic. APU Health Clinic: booking@apu.ac.jp

○ About vaccinations

In Beppu City you can make an appointment through a special website to get vaccinated (with the Pfizer vaccine). Please have your vaccination appointment voucher ready. If you are unsure how to make an appointment or if you have any concerns, please consult with the APU Health Clinic. (APU Health Clinic: booking@apu.ac.jp)

Additionally, the university is accepting reservations for vaccinations on the APU campus, with the first shot on Saturday, October 30 or Sunday, October 31, and the second shot on Saturday, November 27 or Sunday, November 28. For details, please see your notices in Campus Terminal.

Vaccination is not mandatory, but voluntary. I encourage you to refer to my message, "[Vice President's Message Concerning the Vaccination Program at APU](#)" when making your own decision.

- **Using the Beppu City PCR Testing Center (Free of charge)**

The free Beppu City PCR Testing Center is currently available until December.

* Please note people who are not in a healthy condition or who have had close contact with an infected person are not allowed to use the center.

- **Conduct at apartments or eating and drinking establishments**

The university has received noise complaints about people playing games and partying with their friends until late at night in apartments, as well as concerns about people in restaurants or bars for a long time without wearing masks. Please remember that you are a part of the Beppu City community, and act accordingly.

- **If you become infected or have close contact with an infected person**

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 help 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; contact the APU Health Clinic at booking@apu.ac.jp.