

January 25, 2022

To all students:

Vice President Hiroshi Yoneyama

**Change in Business Continuity Plan (BCP) Level and APU's Response to COVID-19
(from January 26)**

◇ **Effective Wednesday, January 26, the BCP activity level will shift from the current level 1 to level 3.**

As of January 20, the number of new coronavirus cases in Japan climbed to over 46,000 nationwide. The spread of the omicron variant has been rampant with Oita Prefecture reporting a new record of 304 cases on January 20. Moreover, the number of infected people in their teens and twenties account for more than half of all cases.

APU has been notified that a total of 43 students have been infected during the period of January 1 ~ January 20, 2022, however, these are sporadic cases and not a cluster outbreak.

In light of this situation, the University has decided to raise the BCP Activity Level from the current level 1 to level 3 as of January 26.

◇ **Class format**

Classes will be offered online (Zoom) only from January 24 (Monday) until February 11 (Friday), however, there are some courses that will continue to be held in-person. Students taking classes that will continue to be held in-person will be notified separately via Campus Terminal. Please be sure to check Campus Terminal so as to not miss this announcement.

◇ **As a general rule, in-person extracurricular and volunteer activities are prohibited.**

As a general rule, all in-person activities will be prohibited from January 26 onward. 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. There is no need to notify the University in the case of online activities, however, each student participating in the activity should do so from their own residence.

Student organizations planning to participate in official games or tournaments should consult with the host of the competition about the possibility of postponing the event and contact the Student Office as soon as possible. Student organizations that plan to resume their in-person activities after these restrictions are lifted should continue to be thorough about ensuring that the proper infection prevention measures are in place and keep an eye on the health of their members.

◇ **Campus entry**

Campus entry is permitted with measures to prevent infection in place.

Limitations to the number of individuals on campus may be imposed as necessary.

The Library is available for use during the following hours.

Class days: 8:30-21:00 / Non-class days: 10:00-18:00

Please refer to the following page for further details:

<https://en.apu.ac.jp/media/news/covid-19.html/>

◇ **Office inquiries and consultations**

Please be sure to wear a nonwoven cloth mask when visiting any office.

Offices will continue to accept inquiries and consultations via email and Zoom. Check the website below for contact information for administrative 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 read the message (dated January 20, 2022) from the Dean of Student Affairs below carefully and continue your efforts to prevent infection.

[“Taking Thorough Infection Control Measures During the Rapid Spread of COVID-19”](#)