

April 14, 2022

To all students:

Vice President Hiroshi Yoneyama

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

Effective Monday, April 18 the BCP activity level will be lowered from 3 to 2.

Since last month, international students from all over the world have been arriving on campus one after another due to the easing of immigration restrictions. Spring semester classes also started on Monday, April 11.

Within Japan, the number of newly infected people has been increasing again since late March, and even in Oita Prefecture the number of infections has surpassed 500 per day on some days, but the number of seriously ill people and the hospital bed occupancy rate have both remained low. Oita Prefecture has asked the University to promote the third dose of the vaccine, but there have been no requests to restrict classes or extracurricular activities.

As for our students, 16 infections were reported in the week from March 28 to April 3, and 19 infections were reported from April 4 to April 10. While we must continue to take sufficient precautions to prevent infections, the number of infections remains at a slightly lower level than in January 2022, when the BCP level was raised to 3.

In consideration of this situation, effective April 18 the BCP Activity Level will be lowered from 3 to 2.

◇ Class format from Monday, April 18

In principle, all classes after Monday, April 18 will be conducted in person, except for courses offered as online only. Students with underlying medical conditions as well as students outside of Japan who are unable to enter Japan due to immigration restrictions (until they are able to enter Japan) may also take classes online, but only with prior permission.

Please refer to the [Academic Office website](#) for more information about class formats and other important information.

◇ In-person Extracurricular and Volunteer Activities

After Monday, April 18, in-person activities both on and off campus will be allowed to resume, provided that infection control measures are taken.

However, organizations must submit an activity plan to the Student Office and receive permission before resuming any such activities.

For more information on resuming extracurricular activities, please refer to the [Student Office website](#) ("Notice" will be posted on April 15).

◇ 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 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

We ask that you continue your basic infection prevention efforts. Even if you have been vaccinated, the risk of infection does not disappear. 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 Wash your hands diligently and use hand sanitizer frequently.
- ③ Properly wear a nonwoven cloth mask.
- ④ When meeting with others, keep a safe distance and always wear a mask.
- ⑤ Regularly ventilate indoor spaces.
- ⑥ There have been a number of cases of infection from parties with food or drink, house parties, or after-work parties. When eating or drinking with others, eat or drink quietly in small groups and wear a mask when talking afterwards.

○ **About vaccinations**

In Beppu City you can make a vaccination appointment through a [special website](#). You can receive a vaccination if six months have passed since your last vaccination. Have your vaccination ticket ready and make an appointment. You can receive a vaccination even if you do not have a vaccination ticket. 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)

○ **Using the Free Beppu City PCR Testing Center**

The free Beppu City PCR Testing Center is available until Thursday, June 30, 2022.

For more information, please check the [Beppu City website](#).

* People who are not in good health or who have had close contact with an infected person are not allowed to use the center.

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

If you test positive or become a close contact of someone who tests positive, be sure to report to the University through contacting the Health Clinic at booking@apu.ac.jp.

If you test positive, the health center and the APU Health Clinic will conduct an investigation and interviews. In order to prevent the spread of this highly infectious virus, please be honest and respond to the investigation with everything you know. Be assured that your personal information will be protected.

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