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To all students

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新型コロナウイルス感染症（オミクロン株）拡大に伴う対応について

## [Extracurricular Activities] Safety Measures in Response to the Spread of Omicron Variant

We thank you for your continuous cooperation with our safety measures.

As you may know, the infections by the Omicron variant are rapidly increasing in Japan. Even here, in the University of Tsukuba, the number of infections between students has been rapidly increasing in this week. For you and others (friends or general public, especially elderly people) safety, we again ask you to take responsibility for preventing the spread of infection.

Now, the government set the 13 prefectures as the cities needs “Focused Anti-infection Measures (まん延防止重点措置).” Since the subject area would be expanded soon, we ask you to follow the new measures described below.

We are also considering to tight up on-campus measures, or to ask students to suspend all activities in case the number of infections will keep rising.

We appreciate your continued cooperation.

### 1. Suspension Period: From **January 22(Sat.) to February 13(Sun.)**

\* The university will continue this measure as long as there is a area which is under the government COVID-19 measures.

### 2. Activities to be Suspended;

#### (1) **Activities in the area under the “Focused Anti-infection Measures (まん延防止重点措置).”**

\* In case of the matches / games held in the above area, you can participate only in the matches / games organized under proper and responsible infection controls. (ex. Official Matches / Leagues) [Note1]

#### (2) **Activities with the people outside the University, those who are from the areas mentioned above (ex. Joint Practice, Inviting instructors, Friendship Match)**

#### (3) **Overstay Activities** [Note2]

#### (4) **Organizing events open to the public** [Note2]

#### (5) **Participating in the events open to the public** [Note2]

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- Submission of “学生団体学外行事届 (Off-Campus Activities Notification Form)” is necessary. In case the activity involves “overnight stay” or “many and unspecific number of participants / audience,” the club’s representative must apply for a special permission following 2 guidelines; 1)団体活動開始ガイドライン(guideline for re-starting activities) and 2) 課外活動制限下における団体活動に関する申合せ (arrangement on group-activities).
- It is necessary to follow the guideline issued by the local government where the event will be held.

[Note2] Those who wish to conduct the above (3)-(4) activities must must apply for a special permission following 2 guidelines; 1)団体活動開始ガイドライン(guideline for re-starting activities) and 2) 課外活動制限下における団体活動に関する申合せ (arrangement on group-activities).

\*The changes are shown with shading.

## [Ongoing Measurements]

- Taking thorough basic measures against COVID-19: wearing a mask properly, handwashing with soap, social distancing (avoiding “Three Cs”; 1. Closed Spaces, 2. Crowded Places, and 3. Close-contact Settings), ventilation in public indoor spaces, visiting a doctor when having symptoms such as coughs and sneezes, etc.
- Gathering to eat makes people take off their masks to eat when communicating with others. In order to lower the risk of COVID-19 infection, get-togethers and gatherings to eat should be avoided. Please break up soon after your activity ends.
- It is highly recommended to go back usual activities after the members have been fully vaccinated or get negative results of PCR test.
- In case of off-campus activities, it is required to submit a “学外行事届(Off-Campus Activities Notification Form)” to the Division of Student.
- Follow the rules of the respective offices when you use on-campus facilities.

### Reference:

- [「筑波大学課外活動における団体活動開始ガイドライン」](#) [Guideline for Re-Starting Activities](#)
- [「課外活動制限下における団体活動に関する申合せ」](#) [Arrangements on Group-Activities Under COVID-19 Crisis](#)

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