

April 8, 2020

Dear FRIS members:

Subject: Raising to Tohoku University Emergency Action Plan for Preventing Spread of COVID-19 Infection Level 3

Yesterday, we just announced an emergency response to prevent the spread of the new coronavirus infection, but based on the confirmation of multiple cases of infection at Tohoku University and the spread of infections nationwide, the TU Emergency Action Plan (see attached file) was raised to Level 3 on April 8, today. I ask you to be more thorough in preventing the spread of the new coronavirus infection, especially if you are accepting students as advisors, to understand your students' current situation and care.

TU Emergency Action Plan <Level 3>

- Research Activities: Only the minimum number of laboratory staff necessary are permitted to enter the laboratories in order to continue experiments and research in progress. The staff members entering the laboratories must minimize the amount of time they stay on-site, and other staff members should work from home.
- On-campus meetings: In principle, online conferences only
- Classes (lectures, seminars): Online lectures only
- Extracurricular activities for students: Prohibited
- Administrative management system: Allow delayed or retroactive processing of some work. Minimum number of staff can enter the office, other staff must telework.

Top Priority

We use the usual mailing list for all FRIS members' contacts as a communication system. If you are accepting students, please prepare a contact list in the attached form.

The above is a measure to protect the health of everyone at FRIS. Please respond promptly and appropriately to regain a free and open campus life as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

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Director of FRIS