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To all Directors,

Hideo Ohno
President, Tohoku University

Regarding the Elevation to Level 2 of the Tohoku University Business Continuity Plan

I would like to again thank you for all the work you are doing every day to help prevent the spread of the coronavirus.

We are currently in the midst of the "sixth wave" of the disease, with the number of new infections rapidly increasing nationwide due to the highly infectious Omicron strain. On campus, too, there has been a sharp increase in the number of reports of infections caused by returning home, meetings and dinners.

In light of this, we have decided to raise the level to Level 2 on January 18, 2022, to strengthen infection control measures. In particular, many cases of infection among first- and second-year undergraduates have been reported, triggered by social gatherings after coming-of-age ceremonies, etc. Therefore, in order to prevent the spread of infection, we ask that you increase your vigilance by switching your classes and extracurricular activities online for the time being.

Since there have been many reports of infection after the completion of two doses of vaccination, please continue to take basic infection control measures, regardless of whether you have been vaccinated or not. I would like to ask you to remind all members of your department to protect themselves from infection as well as to ensure that they do not infect others.

I hope that you will continue to concentrate your efforts on maintaining and improving education and research activities at Tohoku University while ensuring everyone's health and s

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