

June 19, 2020

**CONTINUATION OF REMOTE CLASSES
AND PARTIAL LIFTING OF CAMPUS CLOSURE
DURING THE SPRING SEMESTER**

TO: ALL Students and Parents/Guardians

Amid the ongoing COVID-19 coronavirus calamity, we suspect that you are confronted with a variety of worries and anxieties. We would like to sincerely express our deepest gratitude to you for your understanding and cooperation with us in regard to our preventive measures against the spread of novel coronavirus infections.

As you are aware, the “Declaration of State of Emergency” was lifted, and restrictions on the movements across prefectures, among others, will also be lifted shortly. At this stage, however, there are still some prefectures that have not yet met the Japanese government’s judgement standards for lifting the state of emergency, such as less than “0.5 new cases per 100,000 people in the preceding week.” It is also reported that a potential “second wave” of the spread of infections is expected to affect some areas. Therefore, we feel that we are still not in a situation in which we can ease up and let our guards down.

In our previous notices of April 16 and May 20, we informed you: “We are planning to consider resuming usual (face-to-face) classes at our university in the spring semester if the situation of the spread of coronavirus infections could show itself to be clearly improving, and one in which we would be able to secure our students’ safety.” Even at this point, however, we are afraid that we are still in a situation in which it will remain necessary for us to avoid the “**Three Cs**”: 1) **Closed** spaces with poor ventilation; 2) **Crowded** places with many people nearby; and 3) **Close-contact** settings, such as close-range conversations. Such being the case, we are obliged to continue to take necessary measures for the prevention of the spread of coronavirus infections. Furthermore, judging from the necessity for research activities and support for students, we have decided to take the following measures:

1. **CLASSES:** Remote classes will be continued throughout the spring semester.

2. **PARTIAL LIFTING OF CAMPUS CLOSURE:**

(1) **The Library:**

You will be allowed to use the library from June 22, with the condition of avoiding the “**Three Cs**.” For further details, please see our library webpage (<http://www.kufs.ac.jp/toshokan/20200618.html>).

(2) Research Rooms for Graduate Students:

You will be allowed to use research rooms from June 22, with the condition of avoiding the “**Three Cs.**” So, please contact the Office of the Graduate School in advance, as needed.

(3) Consultations for Job Hunting:

Should you require a “face-to-face” consultation, it is suggested that you contact the Career Center.

(4) Face-to-Face Meetings with a Counselor of the Student Counseling Office and Student Support Office for Disabilities:

Should you require a “face-to-face” meeting, please contact these offices in advance.

Pertaining to your classes for the fall semester, we are currently proceeding with our preparations for resuming face-to-face classes, if possible. Details will be provided as soon as decided, especially as to when we will be able to start classes and the format thereof (remote or face-to-face), hopefully by the end of the spring semester (August 12). Your patience and tolerance would be appreciated for the time being.

These are the decisions that we have made in an attempt to secure your health and safety as our top priority. Your continued understanding and cooperation would be highly appreciated.

With an unpredictable future outlook lingering, we hope that you will continue avoiding the “**Three Cs.**” and that you will also refrain from attending parties and receptions, plus “non-essential, non-urgent” outings where many people gather.

We are sincerely praying for your health and safety.

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