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To All Extracurricular Activity Groups

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Warning: Omicron Surge at the University

In the short time since the warning was issued last week, there has been a dramatic increase in infections and close contacts in the Nagoya University community, as well as increasing numbers of students in quarantine. Considering these circumstances, we have raised the Nagoya University Alert Category from Category A (Caution) to Category B (High Alert) as of January 19. We have also raised the Extracurricular Activities Level from Level 1 to Level 2. We understand that many of you will be disappointed that we are raising these levels. However, we are taking these steps as we are focused on doing what is necessary to avoid suspending extracurricular activities altogether.

As the omicron variant is highly infectious, we have already reached the point that if someone in a club/circle becomes infected, we must ask the club/circle to immediately suspend its activities and those involved in that club/circle activity to quarantine at home. In these circumstances, in order to avoid suspending all extracurricular activities, we have no choice but to impose restrictions on extracurricular activities that require applications to be submitted in advance, such as holding or participating in tournaments, official games or matches, performances, or other events on or off campus. It is likely that more and more regions will institute quasi-emergency measures going forward. As a rule, participation in tournaments, official games or matches, performances, or other events being held in these regions is prohibited. We also ask that you refrain from conducting extracurricular activities involving overnight trips (including training camps). If conditions continue to worsen, the University may issue instructions regarding regular extracurricular activities as well. However, we hope that clubs/circles do not simply continue their activities as normal until the University instructs otherwise. Instead, please consider how you can prevent infections and how you can get through this period until omicron's rapid spread has passed its peak. We ask all clubs/circles to take the initiative to review what steps can be taken, depending on their respective types of activities, such as decreasing their activities to the absolute minimum.

It goes without saying that everyone should practice good infection prevention measures not only in extracurricular activities, but also in everyday life. In addition, considering the present circumstances, please avoid dining associated with extracurricular

activities, regardless of the number of people present.

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