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To Students, Faculty and Staff Members

Novel Coronavirus Infectious Disease Risk Management Task Force  
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Reinforcing Infection Prevention Measures Under the “Declaration to Strengthen  
Measures Against BA.5”

Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation in preventing the spread of COVID-19 infections.

We are in the midst of the 7th wave of the COVID-19 pandemic. The highly infectious omicron subvariant BA.5 is becoming the dominant strain, and the number of new cases and the hospital bed occupancy rate have both remained at dangerous levels since the beginning of August.

Against this backdrop, Aichi Prefecture, Gifu Prefecture, and Mie Prefecture have all issued a “Declaration to Strengthen Measures Against BA.5.” Under this declaration, from August 5 to August 21, measures to prevent the spread of infection are being reinforced.

Thus, we ask that all students, faculty and staff members remain vigilant during summer vacation and Obon period. Please rededicate yourselves to maintaining good infection prevention practices, paying particular attention to items (2) and (3) below.

The University's current Guidelines for Activities shall remain in effect.

1) Please maintain good infection prevention practices, such as avoiding the 3Cs, maintaining social distancing, wearing masks, washing and sanitizing hands, and ventilating rooms.

\*When wearing a mask, please be careful to avoid heatstroke.

**2) Be especially careful to monitor your health and adhere to infection prevention measures such as when crossing prefectural borders, traveling or going home, or when taking part in events involving large gatherings of people. Refrain from high-risk behavior at your destination.**

**3) If you interact with elderly people or people with underlying health conditions during your travels, please get tested beforehand to confirm that you are negative.**

4) When eating or drinking, please follow the infection prevention guidelines set forth on the Aichi Prefecture Novel Coronavirus Infectious Disease Control website.

\* For more details, please see the Aichi Prefecture Novel Coronavirus Infectious Disease Control website.

<https://www.pref.aichi.jp/site/covid19-aichi/covid19-aichi.html>

5) If you are diagnosed with COVID-19 or are designated a close contact, or if you have even a single symptom of sore throat, cough, shortness of breath, fatigue, abnormalities to sense of smell or taste, or fever, please do not come to campus; instead, immediately contact the Health Administration Office ([hokekan@htc.nagoya-u.ac.jp](mailto:hokekan@htc.nagoya-u.ac.jp)).