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To All Extracurricular Activity Groups

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How We Are Handling Extracurricular Activities During the COVID-19 Surge

COVID-19 is once again spreading throughout the country, and a state of emergency has been declared in Aichi Prefecture from May 12 to May 31. Specifically, this means that Aichi Prefecture has strengthened the quasi-emergency measures that had been in place. This does not include any direct restrictions of on-campus activities, so our guidelines for extracurricular activities remain unchanged. However, considering the state of emergency we are now under, and given that, as has been previously reported, the coronavirus variants that have been rapidly spreading are highly infectious and can lead to serious symptoms even for young people, we ask that you make every effort to maintain strict infection prevention measures when engaging in extracurricular activities. Specifically, we ask that you please be more careful of your actions than ever before, while keeping in mind the measures detailed in the following notes. Letting down your guard, even once, can cause significant trouble to other members of your club or team.

That said, in this current wave of COVID-19 infections, not even the strictest infection prevention measures can completely eliminate the risk of infection. Do not attack or blame anyone who happens to get infected. Also keep in mind that people have different views of infection risk, and some people may have their own circumstances that they need to take into consideration, such as the condition of family members they live with. Please accommodate other people's needs and let them decide whether or not to take part in extracurricular activities.

Please make sure that all members of your group follow the infection prevention measures listed in the January 8 notification (replicated below in Section [I]). In addition, please continue any measures that have already been implemented, such as decreasing the frequency of group meetings or shortening practice or meeting times. In addition, we also ask that if group activities take place in the evening, please conclude all activities, including activities in the club room or locker room, early enough that all members can return home by 8 p.m.

Please consult with us about holding tournaments, official games or matches, performances, or other events on campus, or if you want to participate in such events off campus. However, please note that tournaments, official games or matches, performances, and other activities being held in areas that are under a state of emergency or that have implemented quasi-emergency measures are, as a general rule, prohibited.

This goes without saying, but please continue to wear masks and maintain other basic everyday protective measures, not just during extracurricular activities but at all times and places. Please also remember that what is riskier than the extracurricular activities themselves is eating with others. Extracurricular activities that involve eating are completely forbidden. Please make sure that all members of your group are aware of and adhere to this rule.

Finally, please note that our guidelines for extracurricular activities may change depending on future developments within the University or within Aichi Prefecture. Thank you for your understanding.

Effective Period: May 12 (Wed) – May 31 (Mon), 2021

[I] Scope of Extracurricular Activities

Practices are allowed, provided that the group submits the Infectious Disease Prevention Measure Application Form, receives permission, and implements infection prevention measures. However, if any of the following measures are not included in the original application, your group must re-apply and receive permission anew.

Infection prevention measures that must be listed on the application form and must be implemented:

1. Keep practice times short. Do not hold practices that span across meal time. Regardless of the size of the group or whether you are eating out or in, do not eat with others.
2. Install “COCOA,” the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare’s COVID-19 contact-tracing app, on your smartphone.
3. Infection prevention measures to take indoors
 - ① If wearing masks during activities, maintain approximately 1m of distance on all sides between you and other people (far enough that you can’t touch them if you extend both arms).
 - ② If wearing masks during activities is difficult and you take off your masks during activities, maintain 2m of distance on all sides.
 - ③ Fully open all windows and doors and air out the room for 5-10 minutes every half-hour. When airing out the room, have everyone leave the room and use that

time to wash or disinfect your hands and rinse your mouth.

- ④ If practice involves physical contact, keep practice times as short as possible, limit the number of people you touch, and split up into practice groups.
- ⑤ Full practices should be kept as short as possible, and limit the number of people participating in practice at the same time. However, if it is difficult to hold practices with both shortened time and a limited number of people, then thoroughly implement either one or the other measure.

4. Infection prevention measures to take outdoors

- ① For practices that do not involve physical contact, maintain sufficient distance from others.
- ② If practice involves physical contact, keep practice times as short as possible, limit the number of people you touch, and split up into practice groups.
- ③ Full practices should be kept as short as possible, and limit the number of people participating in practice at the same time. However, if it is difficult to hold practices with both shortened time and a limited number of people, then thoroughly implement either one or the other measure.
- ④ Even for activities at outdoors facilities, wear masks whenever possible.

*If someone in your group is infected, and if there were activities involving physical contact or if it is discovered that ventilation and social distancing were not properly conducted, everyone who practiced at the same time and place as the infected person may be identified as close contacts, and the club's activities may be canceled entirely, including for people who did not participate in those activities. In order to keep your club or team's activities from being canceled, please follow any guidelines set forth by your league or related industry, and strictly adhere to the infection prevention measures above, including ventilation, washing your hands, wearing your masks, maintaining social distance, and restrictions on the number of people and groups for practices that involve physical contact. In addition, **please maintain good infection prevention practices at all times and places, not just during extracurricular activities, and do not eat with others.** We have long requested that everyone wear masks, but **we still see people chatting without masks on. Please always wear a mask, whether on or off campus.** If you do not strictly maintain these measures to prevent infection, we may temporarily suspend extracurricular activities.

[II] Other Notes

Details not addressed in this notification shall be handled as described in Notifications No. 9.

Distributing pamphlets to recruit new students is prohibited except for groups that have submitted applications through the Athletics Association or the Federation of Liberal Arts Circles and have been approved by the University.

Regarding tournaments, contests, and other events held in other prefectures: even if you have received permission from Nagoya University to participate, please double-check in advance with the event organizer whether or not participating from Aichi Prefecture is

possible.

While this is the normal time to recruit new students, please take care to refrain from pressuring others with face-to-face recruitment, and do not force anyone to take part in practices, tournaments, or other events.

We will notify you if any changes are made in response to future circumstances.

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