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(Effective April 1, 2023)

To the Directors and Deans of All Schools/Graduate Schools:

Novel Coronavirus Infectious Disease Risk Management Task Force

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Regarding the Use of Masks Starting April 1, 2023

Based on the national government's policies and Aichi Prefecture's response to these policies, Nagoya University takes the following stance on the use of masks as a basic infection prevention measure. Please thoroughly inform all students, faculty and staff members.

Please note that, in accordance with the notice issued February 10, 2023 by the MEXT Higher Education Bureau Higher Education Policy Planning Division, "Changes to Basic COVID-19 Infection Prevention Measures and Handling, etc. of Masks During Graduation Ceremonies (Notice)," any revisions to our stance on the use of masks within the University shall apply starting April 1, 2023.

1. Wearing masks

The University will not mandate the wearing of masks. Decisions regarding the use of masks shall be left to the judgement of the individual in both indoor and outdoor situations.

Please respect the personal judgement of each individual, so that nobody is forced to wear or remove a mask against their will.

2. Situations where wearing a mask is effective

The national government and Aichi Prefecture have provided the following examples of situations where wearing a mask is effective. Please use this as a reference when making your own decisions.

- When undergoing a check-up at a medical institution
- When visiting medical institutions or nursing homes where many high-risk individuals such as elderly people are hospitalized or living
- When riding crowded trains or buses during rush hour, etc.
 - * Excluding vehicles that can generally seat all passengers (Shinkansen, commuter liners, highway buses, chartered buses, etc.).
- If you have COVID-19-like symptoms, have tested positive for COVID-19, or are living in the same household as somebody testing positive for COVID-19, please refrain from going out in order to prevent the spread of infection to other people.

3. With the issuance of this notice, the May 27, 2022 notice "Regarding the Use of Masks" shall be abolished.