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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

As a basic measure to prevent the spread of the Novel Coronavirus Infectious Disease (COVID-19), we have asked everybody to ensure that they wear a mask. However, as the temperature and humidity increase in the coming season, there is a concern that wearing a mask may increase the risk of heat stroke.

With this point in mind, while wearing a mask remains very important as one of the basic infection prevention measures, based on the national government's policies and Aichi's prefectural response, we have decided to handle the mask wearing in outdoor and indoor settings as follows. Please make sure that all students, faculty and staff members are thoroughly informed.

	Physical distance	Conversations taking place	Little or no conversations taking place
Outdoors	2 meters or more	No masks required (In the cases of exercise to be done with a sufficient physical distance, such as running, or activities that avoid the 3 'C's)	
	Less than 2 meters	Masks required (When conversations take place at a close distance)	No masks required (Commuting by foot, passing by others)
Indoors	2 meters or more	Masks required	No masks required
	Less than 2 meters	Masks required (During classes, etc.)	Masks required (During classes, on the train for commuting, etc.)

*If the risk of heat stroke is considered to be high, wearing a mask may not necessarily be required.

◎ **However, you are still required to obey the infection prevention measures listed on the Aichi Prefecture Novel Coronavirus Control Measures Website (e.g., precautions when dining with others). Be especially aware of the following.**

- (1) Ensure that you “do not get infected, do not infect others”.
- (2) Please refrain from “talking loudly” as it can lead to droplet infections.
- (3) Please avoid eating with others, having long conversations, etc. in places with sufficient infection prevention measures are not in place.

*Details (Aichi Prefecture Novel Coronavirus Control Measures Website, in Japanese)

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