Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University's basic policy for dealing with novel coronaviruses

As of November 2021, the state of emergency in Japan has been lifted, the peak of the infection has subsided, and daily life seems to have returned to normal. However, if we look at the world, the situation is not yet under control, and we cannot allow ourselves to be too optimistic. Under these circumstances, the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST) is in the process of resuming daily activities as much as possible while taking all possible measures to prevent infection.

To achieve this, the following is our basic policy.

- OIST restores a place where faculty, staff, students, and others can feel safe in their daily lives and find many opportunities and meaning through learning, research, activities, and working at OIST.
- 2 OIST faculty, staff, students, and stakeholders will engage in dialogue and collaborate to promote specific actions in a timely fashion.
- 3 In principle, infection control at OIST will follow the policies of the Okinawa Prefectural Government. However, sufficient consideration will be given to the international nature and diversity of OIST.
- 4 OIST recommends that all personnel, including contractors, take basic infection prevention measures based on the "New Normal" and be vaccinated or PCR tested. However, OIST will make every effort to ensure no discrimination, exclusion, deprivation of opportunities, or other disadvantages due to the inability to receive vaccinations or PCR tests due to various reasons, including physical conditions.

Level	Standard (New "Level")	Research Activities	Classes	Business Trip	Internal Meetings	Academic and Business Events	Club and Recreational Activities
0	No new infection	Normal Operation with	Normal Operation with	Normal Operation with	Normal Operation with	Normal Operation with	Normal Operation with
	cases	basic infection control.	basic infection control.	basic infection control.	basic infection control.	basic infection control.	basic infection control.
	Hospitals can	Research activities can be	With adequate infection	Check the infection	Internal meetings should	Academic and business	Club and recreational
1	balance COVID-19	carried out by	prevention measures in	status at the business	be conducted both face-to-	events can be conducted	activities can be
	and general	implementing infection	place, the classes will be	trip location. In	face and online, with	under the policies of	conducted under the
	treatments.	prevention measures	conducted through a	principle, PCR tests, etc.,	adequate infection	Okinawa Prefecture,	policies of Okinawa
		through each faculty or	combination of face-to-	should be conducted	prevention measures in	with sufficient infection	Prefecture, with
		section's management.	face instruction and	after the business trip.	place.	control measures in	sufficient infection control
			online instruction.			place.	measures in place.
	The number of	Research activities can be	With adequate infection	Check the infection	Internal meetings should	Academic and business	Club and recreational
2	coronavirus	carried out by	prevention measures in	status at the business	be conducted both face-to-	events are conducted	activities are conducted
	infection cases is	implementing infection	place, the classes will be	trip location. In principle,	face and online, with	online as much as	online as much as
	on the rise.	prevention measures	conducted through a	PCR tests, etc., should be	adequate infection	possible. If necessary,	possible. If necessary,
	Hospitals can give	through each faculty or	combination of face-to-	conducted after the	prevention measures in	Academic and business	Club and recreational
	COVID-19	section's management.	face instruction and	business trip.	place.	events can be held face-	activities can be held
	treatment by		online instruction.			to-face under the policies	face-to-face under the
	increasing beds in					of Okinawa Prefecture,	policies of Okinawa
	stages.					with sufficient infection	Prefecture, with
						control measures in	sufficient infection control
						place.	measures in place.

Level	Standard	Research	Classes	Business Trip	Internal Meetings	Academic and	Club and Recreational
	(New "Level")	Activities	0100000			Business Events	Activities
3	Hospitals manage	Research activities will	In principle, classes are	Business trips are	In principle, internal	In principle, academic	In principle, club and
	to give COVID-19	be conducted with	conducted online. In	possible only when it is	meetings are conducted	and business events are	recreational activities are
	treatment by	thorough infection	cases where face-to-face	necessary. In principle,	online, but they can be	conducted online.	conducted online.
	limiting general	prevention measures by	sessions are essential for	PCR tests, etc., should	done face-to-face if		
	treatment.	the management system	regular examinations,	be conducted after the	sufficient infection		
	Equivalent to	of each section and	dissertation	business trip.	prevention measures are		
	conventional	faculty, but time spent in	examinations, and		taken.		
	"Stage 3" or "Stage	the field will be reduced,	practical skills,				
	4."	and online activities will	experiments, and				
		be encouraged.	training courses, face-to-				
			face sessions will be				
			conducted with sufficient				
			infection prevention				
			measures in place.				
	Hospitals are	Research activities will	In principle, classes are	In principle, they are	In principle, internal	In principle, academic	In principle, club and
4	unable to treat all	be conducted with	conducted online.	prohibited.	meetings are conducted	and business events are	recreational activities are
	COVID-19	thorough infection			online.	conducted online.	conducted online.
	patients.	prevention measures by					
		the management system					
		of each section and					
		faculty, but time spent in					
		the field will be reduced,					
		and online activities will					
		be encouraged.					