

Hiroshima University's activity restrictions index for preventing the spread of novel coronavirus **[Revised February 27, 2023]**

Effective March 13, 2023, wearing masks will be optional. However, if you experience symptoms such as coughing or sneezing, please wear a non-woven mask.

The 6-level index serves to HU members (students, faculty and administrative members) as rough guidelines so that they allow the members to act in an appropriate and flexible manner according to the situation.

We kindly ask all HU members to take appropriate actions based on these guidelines. Also, please stay away from the crowds, wash your hands often, wear non-woven cloth masks, and follow cough etiquette.

The following restriction index applies to all HU campuses, except medical activities at HU's Hospital.

Level	Degree of operation	Classes	Research Activities	Administrative activities	On-campus meetings	Campus entrance restrictions	Extracurricular activities
0	Normal operation	Always bear in mind a "New Lifestyle" to prevent further spread of infections.					
		* In-person and online classes are conducted effectively based on the lesson contents and characteristics.	*Research activities are conducted as usual.	*Engage in work activities as usual. *Staggered commuting and teleworking are recommended.	*Hold in-person meetings. *Also, make use of online meetings.	*Whether on-or off-campus, practice a "new lifestyle" to halt the spread of infection.	*Conduct online activities effectively.
1	(Be careful) (Minimum restrictions)	*Both in-person and online classes can be conducted with the utmost consideration taken to prevent further spread of the infection. *Specific class implementation policies are to be notified separately.	*Research activities can be continued with the utmost consideration taken to prevent further spread of the infection. *Conducting research activities from home is recommended.	*Engage in work activities as usual with the utmost consideration taken to prevent further spread of the infection. *Proactively make use of staggered commuting and teleworking	*Hold in-person meetings with the utmost consideration taken to prevent further spread of the infection. Proactively make use of online meetings	*Make sure to take the utmost considerations to prevent further spread of the infection, whether on- or off-campus, while complying with a "new lifestyle".	*Comply with a "new lifestyle" that requires the utmost considerations to prevent further spread of the infection. *Extracurricular activities can be conducted if the activity plans outlining preventative measures against infections have been notified and approved in advance.
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1.5	(Be careful) (Certain restrictions)	*Both in-person and online classes can be conducted with the utmost consideration taken to prevent further spread of the infection while also practicing a "new lifestyle"※.	*Research activities are allowed with the utmost consideration taken to prevent further spread of the infection while also practicing a "new lifestyle". *Research activities are recommended to be carried out from home.	*Work activities are held as usual with the utmost consideration taken to prevent further spread of the infection. *Teleworking is proactively recommended.	* Hold in-person meetings with the utmost consideration taken to prevent further spread of the infection. Online meetings are proactively recommended.	*Students are requested to refrain from visiting the campuses for any activities other than classes, research, and authorized activities. *Take the utmost considerations to prevent further spread of the infection while also practicing a "new lifestyle".	*Comply with a "new lifestyle" that requires the utmost considerations to prevent further spread of the infection. *Limited implementation of extracurricular activities. The activity plans outlining preventative measures against infections should be notified and approved in advance.
2	(Exercise Caution) (Partial restrictions)	*In principle, classes are conducted online. *Students are allowed to get access to the internet network in the classrooms on-campus. *Classes in which educational value cannot be gained without meeting in-person, such as experiments and practical training, may be conducted based on the dean's judgment — only if notified to the Headquarters for Education and sufficient measures to prevent the spread of infection are in place.	*Only ongoing research and research activities required for graduation/completion, may be continued while taking the utmost consideration to prevent further spread of the infection.	*Work activities are held as usual with the utmost consideration taken to prevent further spread of the infection. *Teleworking is proactively recommended.	* Hold in-person meetings with the utmost consideration taken to prevent further spread of the infection. Online meetings are proactively recommended.	*Students are requested to refrain from visiting the campuses for any activities other than classes, research, and authorized activities. *Take the utmost considerations to prevent further spread of the infection.	*Comply with a "new lifestyle" that requires the utmost considerations to prevent further spread of the infection. *Limited to minimum necessary activities (e.g. preliminaries leading to national competitions). The activity plans outlining preventative measures against infections should be notified and approved in advance.
3	(High alert) (Extensive restrictions)	*Online classes only. *Students are not allowed to access the campus for classes (excluding those who take classes on campus for unavoidable reasons (see ※1)) *Only the bare minimum number of faculty members on campus.	*Only research staff currently conducting research/experiments that are difficult to stop are permitted to enter their laboratories with the utmost consideration to prevent the spread of infection. *Only those who are indispensable for continuing research or maintaining the laboratory assets (see ※2) may enter the laboratories concerned.	*About half of the administrative members are required to telework by taking shifts with the other members who are commuting to their workplaces as usual.	*Conduct online meetings as much as possible.	*No Entry (excluding those taking classes on campus for unavoidable reasons, those indispensable for continuing research, those essential for maintaining assets, and those looking after living organisms)	*All extracurricular activities are prohibited, except for online activities and specific activities that require looking after living organisms.
4	(Severe alert) (Bare minimum required activity)	*Online classes only. *Teaching staff conduct online classes from home.	*All research activities and access to laboratories are prohibited, except for those directly related to COVID-19 counter-measures (excluding those indispensable for maintaining laboratory assets (see ※2)).	*Only the bare minimum number of personnel required to maintain administrative offices and facilities will commute to their workplaces. The rest of the members should work from home (i.e. telework).	Video-conferencing only	*No Entry (excluding those essential for maintaining assets, and those looking after living organisms (see ※2))	*All extracurricular activities are prohibited, except for online activities and specific activities that require looking after living organisms.

※Please refer to the following site for more information regarding the "New Lifestyle": <https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/10900000/000632485.pdf>

※The shaded area indicates the current level.

※The afore-mentioned activities restriction index may be subject to change according to the circumstances regarding the spread of infection from this point of time onwards.

※Please find the instructions regarding extracurricular activities on HU's website.

(※1) Those who do not have internet connection in their homes or those who need to access the campus to perform indispensable research activities, etc.

(※2) Those who take classes on campus due to unavoidable reasons, those who engage in essential research activities and lab assets maintenance (maintenance of cells/organisms, replenishing liquid nitrogen, etc.), and those looking after living organisms must obtain permissions from the respective graduate school's dean or research center director in advance.

To all HU students

If you have any inquiries or concerns regarding classes or student life, please feel free to consult with your tutor, academic advisor, the student support office of your School/Graduate School, or the Health Service Center.

Schools/Graduate School

<https://www.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/system/files/138674/toiwase20200323en.pdf>

Health Service Center

<https://home.hiroshima-u.ac.jp/health/>