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A normal student life is at our fingertips



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The state of emergency has been extended again, and restrictions will continue until the end of September. The government has, however, begun to consider measures to ease the situation.

Vaccination is progressing, and it is expected that all those who wish to be vaccinated in Japan will be done by the end of October.

If a consensus can be reached, we may see an easing of preventative measures in November. Under the government's proposal, extracurricular activities will be included in the list.

Vaccination would be a requirement, but for those who do not wish to be vaccinated, presenting proof of a negative test may work as a substitution.

I am by no means saying, "let it loose". These conditions alone will not lead to zero cases of Covid. Even after the relaxation, we must continue to take basic precautions such as wearing masks, washing our hands, and disinfecting ourselves.

The vaccination rate in our university is about 70% for students and 80% for faculty members. For those who have not yet been vaccinated, please consider it as a priority for young people has started. For those who are physically unable or unwilling to receive the vaccine, a test for the virus can be used for the same requirements.



Fig. 1

Meetings of 4 or more people?

What should you do?

1. Use locations that have displayed the "We vow to prevent the spread of infections" sticker, issued by the Osaka Prefecture Government.
2. Sanitize any hands and fingers that touch a table. ※carry a mini-bottle of sanitizer around with you.
3. Do not share food or drink.
4. Take your mask off only when eating.
5. Use partitions whenever possible.
6. Finish the gathering within 2 hours.
7. Thinking of doing some Karaoke? Absolutely not!
8. If you are not feeling well within 2 days

after the gathering, check yourself into a hospital and inform those from the gathering.



Fig. 2

Spending time at home? What should you do?

1. Sanitize/wash your hands at the entrance of your house.
2. Change your clothes near the entrance or in your room.
3. Practice Social distancing and properly ventilate your home.
4. Do not share food, dishware, or towels.
5. Consistently sanitize/wash your hands.
6. Wear a mask whenever possible.
7. Use partitions whenever possible

During the declaration of a state of emergency, banquets, drinking parties, and dinners are prohibited, regardless to the number of participants.

※13 message from the President regarding COVID-19: "Two places to prevent the spread of infection - group dinners and at home." (November 26, 2020) (Figure 2) and revised (Figure 1)