

[Notice to students] Thorough measures to prevent the occurrence of clusters

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To all students,

Currently, the spread of the COVID-19 infection is expanding across the country, and in Kumamoto Prefecture, the number of new cases has been increasing rapidly, including the first outbreak of a cluster in the prefecture. In addition, during the autumn and winter when influenza epidemics are prevalent, there is a high possibility of further spread of infection, and it is extremely important to establish a "New normal" in the COVID-19 Era.

Under these circumstances, the Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology (MEXT) has issued a letter to universities requesting each university to take thorough measures to prevent the outbreak of clusters in such places as restaurants. Our students are requested to take the following actions to prevent the spread of infection.

1. Strictly avoid the "Three Cs (Closed spaces, Crowded places, Close-contact setting)" and try to change behaviors to adapt to the "new normal" such as checking the body temperature, wearing masks, washing hands and gargling.
2. Activities associated with a high risk of infection, especially for young people, such as eating and drinking in large groups, should be prohibited.
3. Refrain from activities that involve shouting (karaoke, sports games, etc.).
4. Refrain from traveling in groups, such as in circles, and from holding events and camps for extracurricular activities.
5. We recommend everyone to install the "COVID-19 Contact-Confirming Application (COCOA)" developed by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.