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To: Undergraduate and Graduate Students Studying on the Shikata Campus

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**Regarding Measures Concerning COVID-19 from November 2025 Onward**

Since the reclassification of COVID-19 to Category V in May 2023, various infectious diseases—including variants of the novel coronavirus—continue to spread globally. Although mask wearing within Okayama University Hospital is now left to individual discretion, certain infection prevention measures continue to be required in consideration of patients with weakened immunity.

**From November 2025, undergraduate and graduate students studying on the Shikata Campus are requested to follow the measures below.**

- ※ If you are diagnosed with an infectious disease at a medical institution, please contact the Academic Affairs Office of your faculty/graduate school and follow their instructions.
- ※ **Those engaged in patient-facing duties at Okayama University Hospital must comply with hospital regulations.**
- ※ The following rules are subject to change depending on future infection trends.

All Undergraduate and Graduate Students	
Restrictions on the movement	<p>There are no restrictions on either domestic or overseas travel. However, please observe the following measures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Do not participate if you have symptoms suggestive of infectious disease, such as fever (37.5°C or higher, or 1.0°C above your usual level), cough, sore throat, abdominal pain, nausea, or diarrhea.</li><li>• Proactively receive recommended vaccines for infectious diseases.</li></ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When traveling abroad, check the latest information on the prevalence of infectious diseases and methods of infection prevention in the destination country. For example, use the website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare “To all international travelers” (Japanese only).  <a href="https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/kenkou/kekaku-kansenshou18/index_00003.html">https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/kenkou/kekaku-kansenshou18/index_00003.html</a></li> <li>※ Students participating in clinical training must take special care in their activities.</li> <li>※ Notify your Academic Affairs Office in advance if you plan to travel abroad.</li> </ul>
Daily Activities	<p>Please act in accordance with basic infection prevention measures. These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If diagnosed with an infectious disease at a medical institution, contact your Academic Affairs Office and follow their instructions. If symptoms suggestive of infectious disease occur on the Shikata Campus, contact your Academic Affairs Office and follow their instructions.</li> <li>• Ensure adequate ventilation and frequently disinfect your hands.</li> <li>• Avoid unnecessary loud conversations in hospital areas (including shops, cafés, cafeterias, outpatient waiting areas, and the central corridor), clinical departments, and hospital-related facilities.</li> <li>• Receive recommended vaccinations proactively.</li> </ul> <p>※ Students participating in clinical training must take special care in their activities.</p>
Meals with others, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Do not participate if you have symptoms suggestive of infectious disease, such as fever (37.5°C or higher, or 1.0°C above your usual level), cough, sore throat, abdominal pain, nausea, or diarrhea.</li> <li>• Ensure adequate ventilation and frequently disinfect your hands.</li> </ul> <p>※ Students participating in clinical training must take special care in their activities.</p>
Vaccination	<p>For vaccines recommended for health care professionals, proactively receive these vaccines unless instructed to refrain from vaccination.</p>
Proactive cooperation to prevent the spread of infections	<p>Promptly and proactively follow the instructions of the Instruction and Student Section of each faculty/graduate school, such as medical consultation and testing, as well as requests to investigate sources of infection and contacts.</p>

Contact: Academic Affairs Office of each faculty/graduate school