

The beginning is the crux

Yesterday, Osaka City University welcomed its final batch of new students, and tomorrow, the new semester begins. Using what we have learned from last year to ensure the safety of our classrooms through a concerted effort to prevent infections, face-to-face classes will form the basis for this year.

However, the number of infected people in Osaka Prefecture has skyrocketed since late March, surpassing Tokyo in number per day. Young people occupy a high percentage of these infections. From this point on, it is not hard to see that the number of infections in the elderly population, where infection can be life-threatening, will increase.

The cause is almost always dinner parties. In our university, there have been several close calls that could have resulted in a campus closure due to a slight lax in your day-to-day infection prevention measures. If an infection cluster occurs, the campus will be closed to the public to prevent secondary and tertiary infections, which will have a significant impact on classes, research, and extracurricular activities. Although none of us want this to happen, criticisms may not end with those presumed to be infected (it is possible that those responsible avoid criticism altogether) and blame can extend to all Ichidai students. In fact, this has occurred at other universities.

This coming semester, to have a meaningful and safe campus life, I would like to emphasize once again the "Two places to prevent the spread of infection: group dinners and at home " (Figures 1 and 2) that I proposed

in the 13th message I sent out last November. Let us comply with them and protect our dear friends and families!



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.

家庭での過ごし方 注意どうする？



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