

March 24, 2020

Dear all students who are currently travelling overseas,

Meiji University

Advisory of cancelling the study abroad program or temporarily returning to Japan due to the outbreak of COVID-19 (Second Report)

The areas with level 2 (Avoid non-essential travel) or higher travel alert issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan is expanding (*1). Regardless of where you are staying, we advise all students currently travelling overseas to implement the following measures.

*1: Please refer to the website of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan:

https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001052.html

-For those who are currently staying in the areas where level 3 (Avoid all travel) alert has been issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, please cancel the study abroad program or temporarily return to Japan immediately.

-For those who are currently staying in the areas where level 2 (Avoid non-essential travel) alert has been issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, we strongly advise you to consider cancelling the study abroad program or temporarily return to Japan.

-For those who are currently staying in the areas which are not mentioned above, given the fact that the infection is globally spreading, please closely monitor the situation at your local university and consider cancelling the study abroad program or temporarily return to Japan.

Meiji University asks you to follow these measures based on the lockdowns and immigration restrictions implemented by the government as well as the differences in each countries medical system.

Additionally, if you reside in a country or region where restrictions are applied upon entering Japan (*1), please follow instructions of the quarantine officer at the arrival airport.

After entering Japan, self-quarantine (health observation period) for 14 days at your residence will be required. Please do not come to university during this period. Furthermore, if you have any respiratory symptoms such as pyrexia or cough, contact the general hotline for the novel corona virus (*2) and follow instructions to receive consultation at a medical institution. If ever you are diagnosed at a medical institution, inform the results to the International Student Office.

The Japanese government is strengthening border control measures which is to self-quarantine (health observation period) for 14 days and to refrain from using public transportation. The restricted areas are expanding.

Meiji University has announced the changes in AY 2020 Academic Calendar on March

17(Tue.) At present, our classes are scheduled to commence from April 22 (Wed.), and a guidance period will precede this. Considering these situations, again we strongly advise you to consider cancelling the study abroad program or temporarily returning to Japan.

- [Meiji University] / Measures against Novel Coronavirus Infections
<https://www.meiji.ac.jp/cip/english/about/news/2020/enjsp3000000e37y.html>
- [Prime Minister of Japan and His Cabinet] / [COVID-19] Information for Foreign Nationals (March 8, 2020)
https://japan.kantei.go.jp/98_abe/actions/202003/00007.html
- [Japan National Tourism Organization] / Coronavirus (COVID-19) advisory information
<https://www.japan.travel/en/coronavirus/>
- [Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare] / About Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)
https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/newpage_00032.html