

ATTN: Students, faculty and staff

Director, Crisis Management Office

Prohibition of Social Gatherings and Other Events Where People Eat and Drink

Obihiro University of Agriculture and Veterinary Medicine (OUAVM) continues to advise its students, faculty and staff to avoid social gatherings and other events where people eat and drink to minimize opportunities for close contact. This does not apply, however, to dining out in small groups.

Even when you dine out in small groups, however, act according to the Examples of 'New Lifestyle' Practices released by the government.

Below are key points to note in this regard. We ask every member of the OUAVM community to take all necessary precautions to prevent the spread of the virus.

- Select restaurants complying with infection control guidelines and take all necessary precautions when dining out, such as wearing a mask and practicing social distancing.
- Minimize conversations while dining or drinking. When you speak, refrain from speaking loudly.
- Avoid pouring drinks for others and sharing glasses or sake cups.
- Wear a mask when not eating or drinking.
- Do not host or join large dining/drinking parties and other social gatherings.
- Avoid staying in any type of facilities that have been hot spots and in the “three Cs” of closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings for extended periods of time.
- Stay home if you feel unwell.
- Use the contact-tracing app [COCOA](#).

References(Japanese only):

- [New Hokkaido Style intense enforcement period to battle the COVID-19 pandemic \(Hokkaido Government\)](#)
- [Caution: Requests from the Hokkaido Government \(Hokkaido Government\)](#)
- [Examples of “New Lifestyle” Practices \(Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare\)](#)」