

OUAVM Business Continuity Plan during COVID-19
(Action Guidelines for COVID-19)

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• The OUAVM Business Continuity Plan during the COVID-19 pandemic will be revised as follows from Sep. 7, 2022.
• Changes are shown in red boxes.

- Levels are set based on the potential risks involved.
- Allowed activities are determined in reference to the criteria for each level, and details will be provided separately.
- Members of the OUAVM community are asked to continue practicing basic infection control measures, including avoidance of the three Cs (closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings), physical distancing, mask wearing and frequent hand washing.
- Primarily the faculty should urge their students to exercise caution.
- Any OUAVM student, faculty or staff member who becomes subject to testing as a close contact or a suspected case must isolate themselves at home until PCR test results arrive.
However, even if the test result is negative, the person who has become a close contact should strictly refrain from contact with others during the period designated by the public health center, and his/her health should be monitored.

Students

Implement measures to prevent infection and maintain good physical health before engaging in activities.

		Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	
		Normal times	Restrictions: low level	Restrictions: medium level	Restrictions: high level	Prohibition of activities	
1	Classes	Lectures	• No particular restrictions	• In-person classes allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread. (*1)	• Remote class instruction in principle. • In-person teaching allowed for some classes. (*1)	• Remote class instruction only.	• All classes canceled.
		Experiment, training	• No particular restrictions	• In-person classes allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread. (*1)	• Remote class instruction in principle. • In-person teaching allowed for some classes. (*1)	• Remote class instruction only.	• All classes canceled.
		TUTORIAL RESEARCH/GRADUATION RESEARCH PRESENTATION/GRADUATION RESEARCH EXAMINATION	• No particular restrictions	• In-person classes allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread. (*1)	• Remote class instruction in principle. • In-person teaching allowed for some classes. (*1)	• Remote class instruction only.	• All classes canceled.
		TEACHING PRACTICES/PRACTICE IN MUSEUM/INTERNSHIP	• No particular restrictions	• In-person classes allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread.	• In-person teaching allowed based on the submission of an application.	• In-person classes allowed under certain conditions based on the submission of an application. (*2)	• All classes canceled.
2	Research Activities	• No particular restrictions	• Research activities allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread.	• Research activities allowed under certain conditions. (*3)	• Research activities canceled in principle.	• All research activities canceled.	
3	Domestic travel, including hometown visits	• No particular restrictions	• Travel allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread.	• Travel allowed under certain conditions. (*4)	• Travel prohibited in principle.	• All travel prohibited.	
4	International travel	• No particular restrictions	• Travel allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread.	• Travel allowed under certain conditions. (*4)	• Travel prohibited in principle.	• All travel prohibited.	
5	Acceptance of international students	• No particular restrictions	• Acceptance of international students allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread.	• Acceptance of international students allowed if the government approves their entry to Japan.	• Acceptance of international students prohibited in principle.	• Acceptance of all international students prohibited.	
6	Participation in education and career support programs	• No particular restrictions	• Participation allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread.	• Participation allowed under certain conditions. (*5)	• Participation prohibited in principle.	• All programs prohibited.	
7	Entry to the OUAVM campus	• No particular restrictions	• Entry allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread.	• Entry allowed under certain conditions. (*6)	• Entry prohibited in case of non-essential reasons.	• All students prohibited from entering the campus.	
8	Use of OUAVM library	• No particular restrictions	• Use allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread.	• Use allowed under certain conditions.	• Use prohibited in principle.	• All use prohibited.	
9	Extracurricular activities	• No particular restrictions	• Activities allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread.	• Activities allowed based on the submission of an application. (*7)	• Activities allowed under certain conditions based on the submission of an application. (*8)	• All activities prohibited.	
10	Use of OUAVM gymnasium	• No particular restrictions	• Use allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread.	• Use allowed based on the submission of an application.	• Use prohibited in principle. (*9)	• Use prohibited.	
11	Use of OUAVM locker rooms	• No particular restrictions	• Use allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread.	• Use allowed under certain conditions. (*10)	• Use prohibited in principle.	• Use prohibited.	

12	Use of OUAVM training rooms	• No particular restrictions	• Use allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread.	• Use allowed under certain conditions. (*10)	• Use prohibited in principle.	• Use prohibited.
13	Use of OUAVM outdoor sports facilities	• No particular restrictions	• Use allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread.	• Use allowed based on the submission of an application.	• Use prohibited in principle. (*9)	• Use prohibited.
14	Social gatherings and other events where people eat and drink together	• No particular restrictions	• Events allowed while urging utmost caution against infection spread.	• Events allowed under certain conditions. (*10)	• Events postponed or canceled in principle.(*11)	• Events postponed or canceled.

(*1) • Refer to the “Policies regarding lectures, training and examinations during COVID-19 as of April 1, 2022”. (<https://www.obihiro.ac.jp/wp/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/koughousinlv3.pdf>)

(*2) • Decisions will be made individually depending on the status of infection.

(*3) • Research guidance should be provided remotely, not in person.
• Research activities, including caring for animals, which cannot be disrupted, must be conducted under the direct instruction of supervisors.

(*4) • Refrain from non-essential travel. For international travel, follow the overseas safety information of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. For domestic travel, follow the requests of local governments. After returning home from areas where there is a request for self-restraint for travel across prefectural borders, associated with local governments, students should keep tabs on their health for 10 days.

(*5) 1.Regional collaboration programs hosted by OUAVM (prohibited until the state of emergency is lifted)
2.Career support programs

(*6) (1) Students who take remote classes on campus due to internet access limitations at home
(2) Students who view class videos as supplementary lessons (only those permitted by the course instructors)
(3) Students who take in-person classes
(4) Undergraduate and graduate students engaged in research work
(5) Students who need to enter the campus to submit applications or other procedures, to receive consultations, and to care for animals
(6) Students who use the University Library
(7) Students who use the cafeteria or the store for a short period of time
(8) Students permitted to engage in extracurricular activities
(9) Students who participate in education and career support programs

(*7) •Refrain from traveling to the area where is designated as self-restraining of going out.

(*8) •Use is allowed for activities to take place at the facility in Obihiro.

(*9) • Use is allowed for classes (including experiments and training) as long as infection control measures are taken

(*10) • Compliance with sanitary control defined by Hokkaido Government and other rules is required.

(*11) • Except when attending business events such as job search meetings and events hosted by companies, etc.