

Dear Members of AORI, UTokyo,

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Tokyo Metropolitan Government demands the citizens to work at home on weekdays and to refrain from going out at night or weekends. Many neighboring prefectures to Tokyo including Chiba Prefecture should cooperate and follow the example of Tokyo. I understand the AORI members are anxious since many of you commute to work from Tokyo and other Kanto prefectures.

Before the government announcement, UTokyo has been examining various countermeasures in the lines of the President's message. AORI has also organized the countermeasure team to COVID-19, and has been examining employment issues, hygiene management, remote/online study and work, etc. Today, I send you the current countermeasure policy with my message. In addition, a portal site has been set up on the homepage and information will be updated the information frequently. Please refer the website and follow the countermeasures. We also establish a consultation desk, so please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any concerns.

With the priority of protecting everyone's health and preventing further spread of the infection, we aim to continue the research and education activities at AORI without interruption. Your understanding and cooperation to maintain the activities are highly appreciated.

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