

Dear members of AORI

The infection of the new coronavirus spread again. From April 25th to May 11th, a government emergency declaration was issued to some prefectures such as Tokyo. In response to this situation, UTokyo is planning to raise the level of behavioral restrictions from April 27th. Based on the experience of about one year of the pandemic, a new standard "Level sub-1" has been established for this situation. The restriction is close to Level 0.5 which allows similar activities for "Classes" and "Extracurricular Classes for Students" at Level 0.5.

As reported, the number of people infected with new mutant strains is increasing, which are highly infectious and liable to become severe even in young people. I ask all members of AORI to thoroughly implement putting mask, hand washing / sanitization, avoid the status so-called San-Mitsu (3密: closed spaces, crowds, and close contact), sanitization of doorknobs / switches, ventilation, etc., assuming that asymptomatic infected persons are around. When you have to remove your mask such as at eating, drinking, smoking, brush teethes, take a photo, etc., be aware that you will not talk even for a short time. At lunchtime, please try to eat silently or individually, and have a conversation with your colleagues after eating with wearing mask.

Research and education activities within AORI may be carried out under thoroughly implementing the above measures. But, please refrain from travel to and accepting guests from areas where emergency declaration is issued, except for commuting and deliverers. For urgent and important activities that must be implemented, obtain the permission of your superior in advance. Then, the superior should apply for permission to the director (kyoka@ori.u-tokyo.ac.jp).

We ask for your cooperation to prevent further spread of COVID-19 and to resume normal research and education activities. This is essential to realize safe and productive campus.

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