

Dear Members of AORI,

On June 20, the State of Emergency in 9 prefectures except Okinawa was lifted, and 7 prefectures such as Tokyo and Osaka were shifted to Priority Preventative Measures for prevention of the spread of COVID-19. Along with this, the level of the University of Tokyo's activity restriction guidelines has also changed from the previous level sub 1 to the new standard level A from June 21 (Monday) (<https://www.u-tokyo.ac.jp/covid-19/en/policies/index.html#id01>). This is the equivalent of level 0.5 of previous index.

At the Atmosphere and Ocean Research Institute (Kashiwa campus), please carry out research and education activities, joint use and joint research based on the new activity guidelines (attached word file) after June 23. The content is equivalent to the previous level 0.5. However, the infection has not subsided, so please continue to work on research and education activities while thoroughly implementing infection control measures. The basic idea regarding business trips and research activities is the same as that of Level 1 so far.

In addition, UTokyo are preparing for vaccination. Those who wish to be vaccinated at the university can use it. If it seems that the vaccination in the municipality in which you live can be done earlier, you can give priority to the vaccination in your municipality. Please remember the second inoculation should be done at the same place (UTokyo or municipality) as the first inoculation.

In the Otsuchi area, please continue research and education activities, joint use and joint research by taking measures based on the judgment of the center director while observing the infection situation in Iwate prefecture as before.

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