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Kumamoto University

To KU International Students

What to do when you are affected by Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Due to the outbreak of Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19), the COVID-19 have been specified as the “designated infectious disease” by Cabinet Order. As a result, the COVID-19 is considered as a type I infectious disease, which is “infectious diseases to prevent in school”, specified in the School Health and Safety Act. In response to this, the University will take the following actions.

1. Suspension of attendance

Students diagnosed with the COVID-19 will be suspended their attendance by Article 19 of the School Health and Safety Act.

2. Period of suspension of attendance

According to Article 19 (1) of the School Health and Safety Act, the suspension period will be “until healed”, and the students will not be able to return to the University until permitted by a doctor. The students need to submit the admission permission to prove that the infectious disease has been cured (certificate of permission of a return to school after being suffering from an infectious disease)*, which is issued by the doctor of the medical institutions who is undergoing medical treatment.

* The form is available from the following website.

http://hcc.kumamoto-u.ac.jp/wp/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/kansensyo_tokokyokasyo.pdf

3. Handling of classes absent due to suspension of attendance

For classes that are absent due to suspension of attendance, the University will take appropriate measures, such as taking alternative measures including reports and make-up examinations, so as not to be disadvantageous for students. When you return to the University after a recovery, please contact your teachers in charge of the class and receive their instructions.

4. Reporting to the University when you are infected

If you are diagnosed as the COVID-19, you are requested to report the following to the KU Health Care Center immediately by phone or e-mail (not to come to the University), so that we will take necessary measures to prevent the spread of the infection.

<KU Health Care Center>

TEL 096-342-2164 E-mail hoken@jimu.kumamoto-u.ac.jp

- (1) Date of diagnosis
- (2) Name of consulted medical institution
- (3) Current situation
- (4) Date when fever and respiratory symptoms, such as cough, appeared
- (5) Whether you have traveled abroad within one month before the diagnosis (if you have traveled, inform the travel duration and the name of country and city)
- (6) Contact with personnel of the University since the day the symptoms appeared (including your class attendance)
- (7) Doctor's comments regarding future prospects, etc.

5. In case of when you may have a close contact person with the infected person

If there is a possibility of becoming a close contact person (*1), please contact the KU Health Care Center. If you are specified as a close contact person, you are requested to stay at home for 14 days from the day of contact with the infected person. During this period, you need to pay attention to your health condition such as measuring body temperature every morning and night. If you have any of the following symptoms, please consult the consultation center for people with potential exposure to COVID-19 (*2).

- You have had cold symptoms or a fever of 37.5°C/99.5°F or over for four days or more. (including when you need to continue to take an antipyretic)
- You have a strong feeling of weariness (fatigue) or shortness of breath (difficulty breathing).

* Please also consult with the consultation center if you are a senior citizen or have an underlying disease, and you have had the symptoms mentioned above for about two days.

If the consultation center suspects that you have been infected with the virus, it will introduce you to a medical institution where medical services for people with

potential exposure to COVID-19 are available. Please visit the medical institution, wearing a facemask, and refrain from using public transportation.

In addition, please report the KU Health Care Center (TEL 096-342-2164) about your consultation and the results.

If you are absent from your class while staying at home, you will be handled according to “3.”.

*1 A “close contact person” is (1) those who live with or contact for long period of time (including in a car or airplane) with a person suspected to be infected by COVID-2019; (2) those who have consulted, nursed or cared for patients with suspected COVID-2019 without appropriate infection protection; (3) those who are likely to have directly contacted pollutants such as respiratory secretions or body fluids of persons suspected COVID-2019.

*2 In Kumamoto Prefecture, as the consultation center for people with potential exposure to COVID-19, each public health center will arrange a medical institution for consultation.

List of Public Health Centres (Help Line)

Location	Phone Number	Hours of Operation (Weekdays/Holidays)
Ariake Public Health Centre	0968-72-2184	9 AM – 7 PM
Yamaga Public Health Centre	0968-44-4121	9 AM – 7 PM
Kikuchi Public Health Centre	0968-25-4138	9 AM – 7 PM
Aso Public Health Centre	0967-24-9030	9 AM – 7 PM
Mifune Public Health Centre	096-282-0016	9 AM – 7 PM
Uki Public Health Centre	0964-32-1207	9 AM – 7 PM
Yatsushiro Public Health Centre	0965-33-3229	9 AM – 7 PM
Minamata Public Health Centre	0966-63-4104	9 AM – 7 PM
Hitoyoshi Public Health Centre	0966-22-3107	9 AM – 7 PM
Amakusa Public Health Centre	0969-23-0172	9 AM – 7 PM
Kumamoto Public Health Centre	096-372-0705 096-364-3222	(Weekdays) 8:30 AM – 7 PM (Holidays) 9 AM – 7 PM
Public Health Emergencies Management Division at Kumamoto Prefectural Government Office (for general inquiries only)	096-333-2256	9 AM – 7 PM

Support Desk for Non-Japanese Speakers (including consultations for the COVID-19)

Location	Phone Number	Hours of Operation
Kumamoto Consultation and Support Plaza for Foreign Residents	096-359-4995	10 AM – 6 PM (Excluding 2 nd and 4 th Mondays)