

Response measures for novel coronavirus infection

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The Emergency Committee of the World Health Organization announced the outbreak of novel coronavirus-associated pneumonia in Wuhan City, Hubei Province, People's Republic of China, as "a public health emergency of international concern" before dawn on January 31 (Japan Standard Time).

The Coronavirus Pandemic Measures Committee was also established by the university, and response measures were discussed. Information will be disseminated from the university in response to the status of the future spread of the infection.

1. Regarding overseas travel:

- Do not travel to areas marked risk level 3 in accordance with the "Ministry of Foreign Affairs Overseas Safety Information" announcements. In addition, please refrain from nonessential and nonurgent travel to areas marked risk level 2.
- As of February 12, the entire region of Hubei Province of China is at risk level 3, whereas all other regions of China are at risk level 2.
- Always confirm the latest overseas safety information from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.
- When traveling, register with the Overseas Travel Service of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. In addition, ensure your family members have your current contact information while traveling.
- Consider obtaining travel insurance coverage for infectious disease treatment.
- Even if there are no apparent symptoms, those traveling to China should maintain close contact with their guardians/family members to monitor their health and should avoid human contact as much as possible for 2 weeks after returning.
- If you experience a fever of $\geq 37.5^{\circ}\text{C}$ or respiratory symptoms during the health observation period, consult your local health center immediately and obtain instructions.

2. If infected, then do the following:

- Contact the University Health Office via e-mail or telephone.
E-mail: hoken@tcue.ac.jp, Telephone: 027-343-5418

- Suspend attending classes at the university. Strictly dedicate efforts to undergo treatment as directed by your health center.

3. Regarding prevention of infection,

- Perform careful handwashing using soap and gargle
- Observe cough etiquette (use a mask when coughing)
- Avoid prolonged stays in crowded closed facilities such as movie theaters and shopping malls
- Ensure adequate sleep