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Classes (including exams) for the academic year 2021 will basically be conducted face-to-face, paying close attention to the "Hygiene Management Manual for COVID-19 at Schools (MEXT)". On the other hand, distance-learning lectures (including ones combined with face-to-face lectures) will be conducted when a class has a high risk of infection because the 3Cs are unavoidable due to the characteristics of the class, when a class is considered highly effective through the means of distance learning, or when a class should be done by the means of distance learning for students' convenience. Since there will be a mixture of distance-learning lectures and face-to-face lectures, the university will organize the class schedule or designate a class format, taking students' attendance and convenience into account. To secure the flexibility of the class schedule, on-demand classes are highly recommended for conducting distance-learning lectures.

When a face-to-face class is conducted, sufficient consideration for infection risks should be given by avoiding the 3Cs and providing sufficient ventilation. The detailed method of conducting classes is as follows.

*Since the status of COVID-19 is changing globally every day, our measures may change in future. We will post messages from the President or other notices from the university in addition to this policy as needed, so please check the university website or student portal every day.

(The method of conducting face-to-face lectures)

1. Preventing 3Cs

(1) Preventing "Closed Spaces" (Thorough Ventilation)

- When a ventilating fan is installed in a lecture room or an experiment room, let it run all the time.
 - Provide ventilation in a lecture room or an experiment room all the time during the class if possible. If it is difficult, open windows on 2 sides at the same time (for more than a few minutes, every 30 minutes).
 - For lecture rooms or experiment rooms with no windows, try your best to provide ventilation by keeping doors open all the time or using ventilating fans (electric fans or circulators).
 - Since air conditioners only circulate the air inside the room and do not have any functions as ventilators, provide appropriate ventilation even when using air conditioners.
- (2) Preventing “Crowded Spaces” (Securing Physical Distance)
- Classes should be conducted with lower numbers of students than the capacity (*the special capacity set for preventing COVID-19) of a lecture room or an experiment room in which “crowds” are avoidable by maintaining space between students by keeping 2 meters apart (or a meter at the very least). Regarding classes in which the number of students surpasses the capacity of the lecture room or experiment room, face-to-face lectures will be allowed by dividing the class into 2 groups and conducting face-to-face lectures for one, and live streaming for the other.
- (3) Preventing “Close-Contact Setting” (Wearing Masks)
- In lecture rooms, acrylic partitions for instructor’s desks or protect covers for microphones should be used.
 - Class instructors and students should basically wear masks all the time. As for instructors, wearing a face shield is also acceptable. Although wearing of masks is not required in PE classes, please refer to the administrative notices “Necessity of wearing masks in PE classes at school” by MEXT, issued on 21st May 2020, for the necessary items to consider.

2. Other Notes

- Class instructors and students should practice good hand hygiene (hand sanitizer or hand washing) at the time of entry and exit of a lecture room or an experiment room.
- Class instructors should communicate the following points when they start class.
 - ①Check students’ results of their morning temperature check and see if any students have any cold symptoms, such as fever, cough, or general malaise. If so, instructors should tell the student to stay home and also guide him/her to contact the related sections (Student Affairs Division, Academic Affairs Division on Matsuoka campus, or Administration division on Tsuruga campus) by e-mail or phone and follow the directions.

- ② Tell students not to have unnecessary conversations during the class.
- When students have to share some tools or instruments, appropriate disinfection or good hand hygiene (hand sanitizer or hand washing) should be done before and after use.
- Consideration should be given to avoid any disadvantage of credit approval, by conducting make-up classes, exams or giving extra assignments, to a student when he/she is infected or asked to stay home because of having close contact with infected people or having any cold symptoms, such as fever, cough, or general malaise.
- When there is a student with a high risk of serious illness due to respiratory problems or underlying health conditions, instructors will tell the student to consult with his/her doctor, the student consultation office, and/or the Health Administration Center before he/she is enrolled in classes. If it is determined that the student is not able to attend the school due to these reasons, consideration should be given to avoid any disadvantages of credit approval, such as the use of distance learning or giving extra assignments.
- As for instructors, in case there are any cold symptoms, such as fever, cough, or general malaise, do not hesitate to stay home and contact students and the related section (Student Affairs Division, Academic Affairs Division on Matsuoka campus, or Administration division on Tsuruga campus).