

March 29, 2023

To IFS members,

Institute of Fluid Science
General Manager, Headquarters for Countermeasures against COVID-19

Response to the Tohoku University Emergency Action Plan Level 0
-Details of operations at the Institute of Fluid Science-

As per the President's notice dated March 14, 2023, Tohoku University has moved to Level 0 of the "Tohoku University Emergency Action Plan (BCP)" as of April 1, and the wearing of masks on campus is now left to the discretion of each person.

In accordance with this change, the "Response to the Tohoku University Emergency Action Plan Level 1 -Details of operations at the Institute of Fluid Science-" dated May 26, 2022 has been repealed, and the main measures to be taken at the institute are as follows.

Until March 31, we ask that you continue to take the same infection control measures as before, including the use of masks, as a period of preparation for the transition to Level 1.

We also ask for your cooperation in basic infection control measures such as avoidance of the "Three Cs", "Closed spaces", "Crowded places", and "Close-contact settings" even after the transition to Level 0 on April 1 and thereafter.

1. Implementation period: For the time being, from April 1, 2023

2. Details of response

1) What to do if you are unwell

Until May 7, please follow the "Flow Chart of Measures to Combat the New Coronavirus (for those in poor health)" (hereinafter referred to as the "Flow Chart").

If you become ill on or after May 8, you will be asked to take voluntary measures. The guidelines for returning to work, etc., will be announced later.

If you feel unwell after April 1, please do not judge yourself, but rather monitor your health at home and refrain from coming to university.

If you feel unwell while at the university, please return home immediately.

If you feel at least any of the following, please consult your family doctor or other familiar medical institution immediately.

- When there are strong symptoms such as breathlessness (dyspnea), intense lethargy (malaise), and high fever.
- Cold symptoms such as fever and cough (including relatively mild cold symptoms)
- When there is no fever, but is aware of feeling unwell.

2) Response to positive persons

If you test positive, please continue to report using the " IFS Report Form Positive Persons for covid-19" until May 7, and act according to the administrative policy and Flow Chart.

The response after May 8 will be announced shortly.

*IFS Report Form Positive Persons for covid-19

<https://forms.gle/KVCD8GHpw2iN3AD57>

3) Response to close contacts, etc.

There is no need to report to IFS Headquarters for Countermeasures against covid-19.

If a person living with you tests positive, please follow the administrative policy.

4) Business trip, etc. (including students)

Application to IFS Headquarters for Countermeasures against covid-19 and health observation at home after returning home are not required.

In addition, no report is required for overseas travel (foreign business trips, personal travel, etc.).

5) Acceptance of external persons

No restrictions will be placed on acceptance.

Please continue to check on the physical condition of the visitors you plan to accept and take thorough infection control measures, such as creating an environment that avoids situations in which they may come into close contact with members of the institute.

6) Attendance patterns at the IFS Administrative office

Administrative staff attendance will return to regular.

However, we ask that you continue to use your e-mail or mailbox to contact the administrative office and refrain from entering the office as much as possible.

3. Other precautions

1) Please ensure that risk management is in place for all IFS members before entering the institute. Please note that entering the "IFS form for entry records" is no longer required.

2) There will be no limit on the number of participants in conference rooms, etc.

Please continue to hold meetings, etc. in the Conference room, Multi-purpose room, or Seminar room on the 3rd floor of the GCOE building as much as possible. A CO2 analyzer is installed to provide an indication of ventilation conditions.

3) When wearing a mask, whenever possible, use a non-woven mask that is highly effective in preventing infection.

4) Aerosols containing viruses drift like cigarette smoke, so please ensure continuous ventilation to reduce exposure.

5) Aim for “Zero C” by avoiding even a single C※, and maintain a sufficient distance between people.

(※Three Cs: ①Closed spaces, ②Crowded places, ③Close-contact settings)

※Keep all buildings locked at all times except for Building No. 1 until May 7.

※The above does not prevent more stringent measures being taken in each research fields, etc.

※Please continue to contact IFS Headquarters for Countermeasures against COVID-19 (ifs-covid-19@grp.tohoku.ac.jp) for any inquiries regarding new coronavirus infections.