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**Measures to Prevent COVID-19 Infection  
for the Winter break and Common Test for University Admissions**

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Fukui prefecture declared its own warning on November 13<sup>th</sup> based on the situation of infection in the prefecture. After this, the warning has been extended three times. The spread of the infection doesn't seem to stop nationwide. The University of Fukui has been taking measures for preventing infection as indicated in "Faculty and Staff Members Guidelines for Preventing COVID-19 Infection" and notification from the President. However, I would like to ask each one of you to review the guidelines once again and take actions properly to have the upcoming winter break and Common Test for University Admissions safely.

During the winter break, you may be thinking about going back to your hometown or welcome family member from other prefectures. However, please refrain from home-coming extending to another prefecture unless absolutely necessary. In case you must unavoidably go back home, pay close attention to the prevention of infection and try to keep social distance such as using trains with empty seats or using a private car, and delaying the timing to go back home. Also, you may have more chance to meet many people, eat and drink together for the time being with senior citizens. Please try to hold such a gathering within your family members and refrain from inviting other people.

In addition, I ask all of you to take basic infection prevention measures more than ever such as hand hygiene and mask wearing, do not speak loudly, ensure adequate ventilation etc. Please pay special attention to the elderly by not going in and out of places with a high infection risk such as having a party with a large number of people or a situation that requires no mask.

In case it is difficult to take these actions, have a family reunion via the internet until things return to normal for the time being. Also, if you have any cold symptoms such as a fever, coughing or general malaise, refrain from going back home. If you go to the places with a high infection risk, take action carefully. "Confirmed cases of novel coronavirus infection" from Fukui Prefecture is updated on a daily basis, so please check this on your own.

<https://www.pref.fukui.lg.jp/doc/kenkou/kansensyo-yobousessyu/corona.html>

In case you have any cold symptoms such as a fever, coughing or general malaise and any possibility of infection, do not go to work, please contact your family doctor or the nearest medical clinic first

by telephone. In addition, if you don't have any family doctor or you hesitate over which medical institution to choose, contact "Consultation Center for COVID-19" in Fukui (renamed from "Returnee and persons who had come into contact with infected persons consultation synthetic center"). Telephone number is 0776-20-0795 (Opening hours 7:00-21:00, including the weekend and holiday, overtime will guide you the mobile phone number).

Replaced from "Common Test for University Admissions," "National Center Test for University Admissions" will begin and will be conducted twice (1: January 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 2: (January 30<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>th</sup>). It is necessary to prepare more test rooms than normal, so many faculty and staff members engage in Common Test for University Admissions. For that reason, if related person of the University of Fukui is infected or suspected of having contracted after the new year, we may have to postpone the date of Common Test for University Admissions or end up taking students' opportunity to take Common Test for University Admissions. To avoid that, please take action carefully during the winter break. In case you have any cold symptoms, get medical clinic immediately.

To have a consciousness and pride of being member of the University of Fukui and responsible adult will lead the infection prevention of COVID-19. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation. Let's go through a difficult phase over, all together, as the member of the University of Fukui.

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