

RIKEN's measures regarding the novel coronavirus strain

RIKEN Headquarters issued a notice dated February 3 requesting “all invitations to invited researchers and other guests traveling from China to RIKEN to be cancelled until March 31, 2020 (date subject to change).” This was issued following Japanese government ordinances classifying the novel coronavirus strain as a “designated infectious disease” and as a “quarantinable disease” went into effect on February 1.

This above measure is one among several others issued by RIKEN in light of the recent outbreak, which were decided in close consultation with industrial physician in consideration of the health of its employees.

We must follow RIKEN's measures, and unfortunately need to ask all participants from China (including Hong Kong and Macau; the same hereinafter) to cancel their participation to our symposia. We also ask all participants NOT to take flights through China. If you have already visited or are planning to visit China, there must be at least 17 days layoff since your last visit to China before coming to RIKEN.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation on this matter.

Meeting Secretariat
on behalf of Dr. Eisuke Nishida and the symposium organizers

<Sources of information>

• World Health Organization (WHO): <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

• Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (United States CDC):
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/about/index.html>

• In Japanese:

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare:

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/dengue_fever_qa_00001.html

MHLW Quarantine Information Office: <https://www.forth.go.jp/topics/fragment1.html>

National Institute of Infectious Diseases:

<https://www.niid.go.jp/niid/ja/diseases/ka/corona-virus/2019-ncov.html>

MOFA: https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/info/pcinfectionspothazardinfo_009.html#ad-image-0