

# IMPORTANT NOTES

The State of emergency in Osaka has been lifted since October 1 2021.

To prevent the spread of the COVID-19 infection, we would like you and your students to note the following points.

-Depending on the pandemic situations, we may change the handlings of the exchange program, such as cancellation or online acceptance before starting.

-We would like you and your students to keep in close touch and inform us of their current situation (flight schedule, visa application status, students' condition etc.) before and during exchange program.

-Basically, new entry of non-Japanese nationals has not been allowed since January except for very special cases.

Therefore we had decided to accept exchange students online only for spring semester 2021.

Unfortunately the policy has not been lifted yet and we have no idea when it will be eased.

For 2021 fall exchange program, students take online courses for a while until they enter into Japan.

-We strongly ask students to follow the instructions from Japanese government, Osaka prefecture (local government) and Osaka University etc. to prevent the spread of the COVID-19.

- In case of violation of pledge, their name and nationality may be publicly disclosed, and they may be subject to detention. (They may also be subject to revocation of status of residence and deportation.)

-Please check the Japanese embassy website in your country frequently and ask them necessary procedures. The procedures for visa application might be different depending on personal situation.

Information on COVID-19 can be found on the website below.

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/p\\_pd/pds/page22e\\_000910.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/p_pd/pds/page22e_000910.html) : Ministry of Foreign Affairs

<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/bordercontrol.html> : Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

<https://www.pref.osaka.lg.jp/default.html> : Osaka prefecture

<https://www.osaka-u.ac.jp/en/news/info/corona> : Osaka University

-Because teaching delivery methods for 2022 spring semester has not been fixed yet (probably it will not be fixed until the last minute of the start of the term), students may find all their desired subjects are offered online after their arrival. (Please note that each faculty has its own rules which students should follow.) Currently local government ask us to conduct online more often.

-To take online subjects, exchange students need to bring their own devices (laptop, tablet, earphone, etc.) and have internet connection.