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To all members of the School of Science,

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**Prevention measures at the School of Science against
the novel coronavirus and other infectious diseases**

A novel coronavirus that has originated in China is currently spreading, with cases of infection appearing outside of China as well. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs has set the warning level to "Level 3 – Do Not Travel (recommended cancellation of travel)" for the entire Hubei Province and for Wenzhou, Zhejiang Province. Furthermore, the Japanese Government has declared the pneumonia caused by the novel coronavirus a Designated Infectious Disease as defined in the Infectious Diseases Control Law. At UTokyo, an announcement from the Division for Health Service Promotion dated January 29 sets out prevention measures for the novel coronavirus (URL: <https://www.ut-portal.u-tokyo.ac.jp/notice/index.php?q=31909> – English follows Japanese).

In light of these circumstances, in addition to following the government and university protocols and recommendations, the School of Science asks all of its affiliated members to take the following measures to prevent the transmission of not only the novel coronavirus but all infectious diseases. If your Department or Facility has any further instructions, please be sure to follow them as well. Thank you for your cooperation.

1. Please be thorough in your transmission prevention measures both on and off campus, including regular handwashing, wearing masks, and covering your mouth and nose when coughing and sneezing.
2. When you feel unwell, such as when you have a temperature, please immediately cancel your plan to come to work or class.
3. If your temperature persists or if you have a strong feeling of weariness (fatigue), please follow the government guidelines (*) as well as report this to the Academic Affairs Group (if you are a student) or the General Affairs Group (if you are faculty, staff, or a researcher).

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4. For the foreseeable future, we ask all faculty members to take special care in their supervision and lecturing of students to ensure that absences for the above reasons do not put them at any disadvantage. Similarly, when a faculty or staff member refrains from coming to work, we ask their colleagues to help out wherever they can so that their educational and administrative workload can be managed as best it can.

(*) Please refer to the following pages on the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare website:

In English: https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/newpage_00032.html

In Chinese: https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/newpage_09534.html

In Japanese: https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/0000164708_00001.html

As the situation continues to develop very rapidly, we ask you to keep following the news, internal announcements, and emails closely.