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Infection Prevention Measures in Asamushi Center

We accept guests from educational research institutions outside the center for the use of our facility during the pandemic under our infection prevention measures originally approved by Tohoku University in June 5th, 2020, and have been updated according to the changes in the pandemic situation to date. Details are described below. Please note that the current measures may be revised to meet future requirements.

1. Requirements for Guest Acceptance

1-1. To meet both Tohoku University and Aomori prefecture measures for preventing further spread of infection.

1-1-1. As of June 21st, 2022, Tohoku University is under Level 1 of the Tohoku University Emergency Action Plan (BCP) and states that face-to-face sessions such as training courses may be conducted with sufficient infection prevention measures in place.

1-1-2. As of April 6th, 2022, Aomori Prefecture Authority requests that individuals carefully consider travelling to and from areas with many infection cases.

➔ We accept course participants from areas not currently under State of Emergency or Semi-emergency Coronavirus Measures.

1-2. To restrict the maximum number of guests staying in the dormitory to 20 with a maximum of 4 people in one room.

1-3. To consider the local situation in the Asamushi Onsen area: whether or not ryokan/hotel or tourist facilities such as Asamushi Aquarium are open to public.

2. Infection Prevention Measures in the Facility

General:

- 2-1. Guests and center residents are asked to wear **face masks** whenever possible.
- 2-2. Hand soap is provided in the laboratory, washrooms and dormitory. Please practice proper **handwashing and gargle** when entering the laboratory building and dormitory.
- 2-3. **Hand sanitizers** are available throughout the facility: at the entrances of the laboratory building, dormitory and cafeteria, at the sinks on the 1st and 2nd floors of the dormitory, and in the hall on the 2nd floor of the dormitory. Please also practice proper hand sanitization at all times.
- 2-4. Guests are asked to perform a **health-check** (whether experiencing fever or cough) for 8 days prior to the visit as well as every day during the stay (temperature measurement system has been installed at the entrance of the laboratory building, but please also bring your own thermometer). Guests are not accepted if there are any symptoms before their visit. Guest conditions are observed in a room provided for self-isolation in the facility if any symptoms arise during the stay. There is a flow-chart of measures that must be followed in the event of symptoms appearing during the stay.
- 2-5. Slippers are not provided nor shared (please bring your own).

In the Laboratory:

- 2-6. Maximum number of student users in the laboratory is 20.
- 2-7. **Social distancing** in the laboratory: one bench for 2 students and use of online contents to prevent crowding situation when experimental methods are demonstrated.
- 2-8. **Ventilation** in the laboratory: Windows are fully opened for 5 minutes every 30 to 60 minutes. When the weather allows, windows are open all the time.
- 2-9. A sufficient number of microscopes and experimental apparatus is provided for course participants **not to share** with other people.
- 2-10. Shared instruments and materials in the laboratory are frequently **sanitized** throughout the course.
- 2-11. The laboratory is thoroughly cleaned and sanitized after each course.

In the Dormitory:

- 2-12. Each room accommodates 4 people.
- 2-13. The shower rooms are used under the rule of one person at one time.
- 2-14. Disposable cups, plates and utensils are used in the cafeteria.
- 2-15. Chairs at tables are staggered to avoid face-to-face. When necessary, a two-shift

system will be implemented (please sanitize the table after use with the sanitizers provided).

2-16. There can be large communal events such as BBQs only under these conditions: they should be held outdoors for maximum two hours in the final night of the course.