

## Notification from NIBB Core Research Facilities Concerning our Response in the Case of Activity Restrictions Guidelines are Upgraded to Level 3 or 4

To all stakeholders in and users of the Core Research Facilities at NIBB,

First of all, we would like to thank you for your ongoing cooperation in regards to the use of our research facilities. As you know, the Okazaki research institutions (NIBB, NIPS, IMS, and Excellis), as well as other relevant parties, have established the following activity restriction guidelines to help to prevent the further spread of COVID19:

[https://www.nibb.ac.jp/pressroom/news/uploads/20200414/level\\_eng.pdf](https://www.nibb.ac.jp/pressroom/news/uploads/20200414/level_eng.pdf)

Currently, the entire area encompassing all of our facilities is being operated under level 2 activity restriction guidelines. However, should these guidelines be raised to either level 3 or 4, we here at the Core Research Facilities will provide the support listed in the guidelines below to sustain your research.

- 1) All users will be prohibited from entering any of the facilities or using any of the equipment in this area, should activity restriction guidelines be raised to level 4. With our equipment maintained at a minimal level, user support services will cease.
- 2) Access to the area and the use of the equipment within it will be stopped in principle, should activity restriction guidelines be raised to level 3. However, use of the facilities can be allowed should your research be a long-term, ongoing experiment whose termination may incur losses from a research perspective, or is necessary to terminate or interrupt your ongoing researches. This can be arranged if the NIBB Director General's permission is attained by the PI from the lab that the user is affiliated to. In this case, use is conditional on the user operating and shutting down all equipment they use by themselves.
- 3) As a rule, equipment use may continue in a remote capacity (i.e. without the user entering the area) even if activity restriction guidelines are raised to level 3. However, if a sufficient support is not available, then the use of equipment will be terminated.
- 4) In order to enter the area under level 2 restrictions (i.e., the current situation), all users are required to obtain permission from the PI as per the activity restriction guidelines. As such please be sure to acquaint yourself with said guidelines.
- 5) In order to enter the area under level 3 restrictions, users will be required to obtain the permission of the Director General through their PI. Please complete the application

after consulting with your PI as your name will need to be listed on the permission list to enter the facilities. As such please be sure to acquaint yourself with said guidelines.

6) We will specifically operate equipment in the Functional Genomics Facility, the Spectography and Bioimaging Facility, and the Data Integration and Analysis Facility in line with the above listed guidelines. Therefore, please follow the instructions as they pertain to each individual room.

We will continue to maintain all necessary activities while making it our priority to look after the safety of our center's users and members. To this end, we ask for your understanding and cooperation.

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