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To our students

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On June 20th, the State of Emergency in Hokkaido was lifted. We are now under the pre-emergency priority measures. Accordingly, the BCP level of Hokkaido University was lowered to Level 2. The classes and the use of facilities in School of Economics changes as follows.

1. In the Spring semester, SOME of the classes that were originally planned to be delivered on campus (i.e., in campus classrooms) will be delivered on campus. Please pay attention to the notice from the instructor because some of the classes you take may now be offered in the campus classrooms. If you have difficulties attending the class in the classroom, please do notify the instructor IN ADVANCE and ask for advice. If you have underlying health conditions, please consult the instructor and/or your supervisor.
2. For those students who attend face-to-face classes AND attend on-line classes before or after the face-to-face class, the department will furnish waiting rooms where students can participate in on-line classes.
3. The Academic Affairs office of School of Economics is OPEN. Since the number of staff serving at the office is reduced, there might be delays and inconveniences. We continue to accept inquiries through e-mails, telephone, or postal mails. The contact addresses are as follows:

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4. The Economics department library is OPEN.

Opening hours are: 9:00-12:00 and 13:00-17:00 of weekdays.

(The hours are subject to change. Please refer to the website of the library for the latest information. Also, please follow the instructions from the staff.)

The maximum number of admitted users at one time is 9. Please keep your stay in the library short. Please write your name, entry and exit time from the library, on the sheet at the library entrance.

5. Graduate students are allowed to use the study rooms. Please follow the terms of the use and take infection prevention measures.

Although the State of Emergency was lifted and the BCP was lowered, the risk of infection is still a real concern. In particular, the variant viruses pose a threat. People of all ages are infected, and young patients develop severe symptoms and are hospitalized. Furthermore, the delta variants, which are 1.8 times more likely to infect people than the previous ones, will likely to be the dominant part of the infection.

I ask for your continued effort to take the highest level of caution to prevent infection. Thank you very much for your cooperation.