

## RIKEN's measures regarding the novel coronavirus epidemic

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RIKEN Headquarters issued a notice on February 3 requesting that “all invitations to invited researchers and other guests traveling from China to RIKEN to be cancelled until March 31, 2020 (date subject to change).” This was issued following a Japanese Cabinet Order designating the novel coronavirus infection as a “designated infectious disease” and “quarantinable disease,” which went into effect on February 1.

The above measure is one among several others issued by RIKEN in light of the recent outbreak, which were decided in close consultation with the industrial physician in consideration of the health of its employees. We must follow RIKEN's measures, and unfortunately need **to ask individuals who fall into the following criteria to CANCEL their participation** in the 2nd R-CCS International Symposium:

1. **Individuals from mainland China, Hong Kong, and Macau**
2. **Individuals with symptoms of pneumonia**  
(such as having a fever higher than 37°C, feeling a chill, or having a cough, etc.)
3. **Individuals who have been without any symptoms of pneumonia for less than 14 days since the last visit to mainland China, Hong Kong, or Macau** (including restricted areas in airports)
4. **Individuals who have come in close contact with those who fall into the criteria above within the last 14 days**

Accordingly, we ask all participants **NOT to take flights through mainland China, Hong Kong, or Macau.**  
We appreciate your understanding and cooperation in this matter.

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### <Sources of information>

World Health Organization (WHO): <https://www.who.int/emergencies/diseases/novel-coronavirus-2019>

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (United States CDC): <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/about/index.html>

(In Japanese)

Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare:

[https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou\\_iryuu/dengue\\_fever\\_qa\\_00001.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryuu/dengue_fever_qa_00001.html)

MHLW Quarantine Information Office: <https://www.forth.go.jp/topics/fragment1.html>

National Institute of Infectious Diseases: <https://www.niid.go.jp/niid/ja/diseases/ka/corona-virus/2019-ncov.html>

MOFA: [https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/info/pcinfections/hazardinfo\\_009.html#ad-image-0](https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/info/pcinfections/hazardinfo_009.html#ad-image-0)