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To All students,

President, Kochi University of Technology

### To complete this year course studies

The number of people infected with the new coronavirus in Japan has increased more rapidly since the end of last year, and a state of emergency has been declared in the Tokyo metropolitan area, as well as in the Kansai, Tokai, and Fukuoka areas.

Our school has discovered five infected individuals. We cannot let our guards down; Kochi is continuing to see individuals being infected by unidentified sources.

Starting next week, face-to-face classes will resume, and in February, most courses will have the credit approval examinations and thesis examinations for graduation and completion. If there are any infected individuals found on our campus, we may have to suspend face-to-face classes once more.

To help ensure students can complete their extremely important studies according to schedule, please be thorough in your behaviors to avoid being infected, or spread infections, especially until the end of the fourth quarter.

The risk of infection is particularly high when talking at a close distance (within arm's reach) without a mask, and actions that require mask removal such as eating, drinking, and singing karaoke with friends. Several cases where infections spread due to the above situations have been reported.

We strongly ask that you avoid speaking at a close distance with people without masks, and refraining from eating, drinking, and singing karaoke with other people.