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Information on COVID-19 vaccinations for members of our university

Dear students, faculty and staff,

To reduce the burden on communities and accelerate the pace of vaccinations, vaccination against COVID-19 can now be carried out for people in certain occupations in companies and universities. The Governor of Kochi Prefecture has requested that our university implement such a program.

Our university, which does not have a medical faculty, would be unable to implement this program under the present circumstances without the cooperation of local medical institutions and others. We have been coordinating with a number of parties on the matter. Now, with the full cooperation of Kochi Medical School and Medical School Hospital, we have established a system that will allow members of our university (students, faculty, staff and people working on campus) to be vaccinated if they wish.

Kochi University has applied to the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare to carry out these occupation-based vaccinations, and we are currently waiting for confirmation.

Initial vaccinations are scheduled for late September, with the second round coming in late October. Vaccination will take place at the Medical School Hospital on Kochi University's Oko Campus. We are also considering a bus service from our university. Vaccines can be provided even for people who have not received a vaccination voucher, or who have not changed their certificate of residence from outside the prefecture. The vaccine is manufactured by Moderna. We will soon conduct a survey of vaccination applicants and further adjust the vaccination schedule. We will contact you when more details are available.

Vaccination will only be carried out for those who wish to receive it. It is not required, and people who do not receive the vaccine will not suffer any detriment. We appreciate your understanding on this point.

This program will help protect the lives and health of students and our faculty members. By limiting spread among university members, it will contribute to efforts to stop the spread of the virus in society at large. It will also allow us to resume normal education and research activities as soon as possible. For these reasons, we hope that many members of our university receive the vaccine.

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