Infection Risk Assessment Form for On-campus Research Activities

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Managing COVID-19 Infection Risks When Conducting On-campus Research

Applicants seeking approval from the Research Ethics Committee should make research plans with the following points in mind:

1． People with asymptomatic COVID-19 infections can still transmit the virus. Participants should maintain a subdued lifestyle that reduces the risk of infection for about 2 weeks before and after conducting on-campus research activities that require contact with people.

2． When research includes participants from outside the university, such as co-researchers or respondents, make sure they fully understand the risk of infection associated with travel and participation in research prior to starting the research. Take utmost care with participants who are at risk of becoming seriously ill if infected or who may already be infected.

3． Take steps to prevent infection and prepare plans to deal with infections at each stage, before, during, and after the completion of the research.

Specifically, comply with the following measures:

1. Carry out self-assessments of infection risk by researchers/participants.
2. Sufficiently ventilate rooms shared by people.
3. Be sure to wear a mask during contact with people.
4. Avoid physical contact and do not share physical items.
5. Keep records of contacts occurring between people during research activities.
6. Disinfect hands and things touched by all researchers and participants before, during, and after research activities

4． Students should report their health status before and after research activities to their academic advisor.

5． The academic advisor should be thoroughly informed so that optimal measures to prevent infection can be taken in accord with the content of the research.

6． If an infection occurs in an area where the number of infected people is decreasing, there will be a great social impact on researchers and participants. Take stringent measures to control infection and also consider carefully whether or not to conduct the research.

Infection risk check sheet for on-campus research activities

Submission date: 　　　　　　　　YYYY/MM/DD (University-wide standard: 　　　　　)

Permit date: 　　　　　　　　YYYY/MM/DD (University-wide standard: 　　　　　)

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| Applicant's affiliation ☐Behavioral Sciences　☐Sociology, Contemporary Thought  and Anthropology　☐Education　☐Kyosei Studies　☐Center for Collaborative Future Creation | | |
| Research field | Job title or grade | Academic advisor's name (for graduate students/undergraduate students) and the academic advisor’s approval (with signature) |
| Applicant's name | Title of the research | |
| Outline of the research |  | |
| Confirmation | I hereby declare that the following statements are true and correct, and I will do my best to prevent infection.  Signature: | |

1． Location of research

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| ☐ | **Indoors**　The specific name of the room:　　　　　　　　　Approximate area:  　　　Number of people sharing the same room:　　　　　　　　　Ventilation measures: |
| ☐ | **Outdoors**　Specific location:  　　　The distance between the people coming in contact with one another.: |

２． People/animals you may come into contact with during the research

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| ☐ | Persons at risk of becoming severely ill if infected |
| ☐ | Persons with an unknown risk of becoming severely ill are included in the sample |
| ☐ | Animals that may be infected |
| ☐ | Children |
| ☐ | Groups of 10 or more people gathering at the same time |

３． Contact with people/animals (Indicate all that apply)

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| ☐ | The research requires creating a “Three Cs” setting (confined spaces, crowded places, close contact). | |
| Countermeasures |  |
| ☐ | The research requires working in a “Three Cs” setting. | |
| Countermeasures |  |
| ☐ | Frequent close contact of 30 minutes or more, including talking at a short distance (less than 2 meters) for more than 5 minutes. | |
| Countermeasures |  |
| ☐ | Close contact of 30 minutes or more, including talking at a short distance (less than 2 meters) for more than 5 minutes, will be rare. | |
| Countermeasures |  |
| ☐ | There will be no close contact | |

４． Record of people contacted during fieldwork

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| ☐ | Research staff will record contacts between researchers and participants during fieldwork. |
| Countermeasures to be taken when it is not possible to track close contacts when an infection occurs: |
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５． Self-assessment of infection risk for researchers/participants

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| ☐ | Can both researchers and participants carry out and sign the following infection risk self-assessment? Are measures in place to suspend participation by those who are at risk of becoming seriously ill if infected and those at high risk for infection? |
| Self-assessment   1. Do any of the following apply to you?   ☐ 65 years and over  ☐ Affected by one of the following underlying diseases:  (Asthma, liver disease, chronic renal failure, chronic lung disease, diabetes, heart disease, hemoglobin disease, obesity, immunodeficiency)  ☐ Employed in a long-term care facility/medical facility.  2) Within the last 14 days, have you been in contact with a confirmed infected person within 2 meters for at least 5 minutes, or have you been in direct contact with droplets such as saliva?  Yes　　　　　　No  3) Have you developed any of the following symptoms within the last 48 hours?  Fever, chills, or sweating　　　 　　　　　 Yes　　　　　　No  Shivering due to a chill　　　　 　　　　　Yes　　　　　　No  Muscle aches　　　　　　　　　　 　　　　　Yes　　　　　　No  Sore throat　　　　　　　　　 　　　　　Yes　　　　　　No  A problem with the sense of taste/smell　　　　Yes　　　　　　No  Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea　　　　 　　　　　Yes　　　　　　No  Headache　　　　　　　　　　　 　　　　　Yes　　　　　　No  ※Regarding 2) and 3),If the research spans 2 weeks or more, please follow the assessment procedure not only at the time of application but also during the research. |
|  | Measures when self-assessment is not possible (infection risk evaluation method): |

６． Disinfection during research activities

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| ☐ | Frequent disinfection of hands and items used by researchers and participants during research activities |
| Countermeasures when disinfection is not possible: |
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