

Facility Usage Guidelines of Ogasawara Field Research Station On the Prevention of Novel Coronavirus Infection (COVID-19) ver. 2

Usage restriction of the Ogasawara Field Research Station will be partially eased after November 2020 on the assumption that the facility users take a PCR or antigen test before boarding Ogasawara-maru.

Please note that a negative result may not rule out a coronavirus infection. We sincerely ask for your continuous cooperation in the prevention of the viral infection by referring to the “New Coronavirus Infection Control Ordinance” established by Ogasawara Village (Note 1).

Even for the matters not shown in the guidelines, facility users should take appropriate measures according to the situation, based on their independent judgment.

1. Purpose of these guidelines

- (1) To minimize the risk of introducing the virus into Ogasawara
- (2) To minimize the risk of spreading the virus to others

2. Infection prevention before departure

The following self-infection prevention measures and health management should be well taken at least one week before the scheduled departure date of Ogasawara-maru.

- (1) Refrain from any non-essential and non-urgent outings and meetings as much as possible.
- (2) Wear a mask and have sufficient physical distancing for any essential outings and meetings.
- (3) Keep records of your body temperature (once in the morning and at night) and physical condition (having or not having cold symptoms, fatigue, taste disorder, etc.).
- (4) Cancel the trip to Ogasawara if you have been in close contact with an infected person, or you have any suspected symptoms of the virus before the departure.

3. Restriction of facility usage

- (1) The maximum number of research groups that can use the Ogasawara Field Research Station within the same period is three.
- (2) Refrain as much as possible from contacting another research group, Ogasawara residents, and tourists, etc. for the first one week from the arrival. (This also includes eating out and shopping.)
- (3) The group that has been permitted to use the Facility first has priority, but the Committee shall not prevent any direct negotiations among groups that are made before a visit.
- (4) Facility and equipment usage
 - a. Facility users should use alcohol spray to disinfect their hands when entering and leaving the Facility. The Ogasawara Research Committee prepares rubbing alcohol and its containers for indoor use; however, portable containers for outdoor use should be prepared by each facility user/group.
 - b. Indoor room slippers/sandals should be prepared and brought by each facility user. (Name must be written on them.)
 - c. <Experiment rooms, Library, and Specimen production room>
Keep the “one room per group” policy to avoid overcrowding. The maximum number of people in the group that can use a room at the same time is three for the Library, two for the Experiment room II and the Specimen production room, and four for the Experiment room I.

- d. <Resting rooms>
Keep the “one room per person” policy to avoid close contact; however, the small resting room can be used with two persons and the large resting room with up to four persons in the same group, only if the room can be partitioned off by curtains, etc.
 - e. <Bathroom and washroom>
Do not share with another research group wherever possible. Disinfect the doorknobs and toilet seats with rubbing alcohol.
 - f. <Washing machines and clothes drying place (second-floor balcony)>
Do not share with another research group wherever possible.
 - g. <Dining room>
Do not share the space, refrigerator, tableware, etc. with another research group. Arrange for the time to use the dining room in advance to avoid overlapping (e.g., 7 to 8 o'clock for Group A and 8 to 9 o'clock for Group B). Refrain from talking as much as possible during cooking and eating.
- (5) Facility users should keep records of their body temperature (once a day), physical condition (having or not having cold symptoms, fatigue, taste disorder, etc.), and any meetings/contacts outside the Facility during their stay.

These guidelines may be revised taking into account the future situation.

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[Note 1] New coronavirus Infection Control Ordinance (Summary)

This ordinance, promulgated and enforced on September 11, 2020, aims to prevent the spread of a new coronavirus infection (hereinafter referred to as “infection”), protect the lives and properties of Ogasawara villagers, and minimize its impact on the life and economy in Ogasawara village.

This ordinance stipulates the following basic policies:

- The Village is responsible for implementing necessary measures to prevent the outbreak and spread of the infection in cooperation with the Japanese and Tokyo metropolitan governments.
- The Village shall endeavor to provide any necessary support to villagers, companies, tourists to implement measures against infection.
- Villagers and companies shall endeavor to prevent infection and to cooperate in the infection control taken by the Village.
- Villagers and companies must not unfairly discriminate against persons infected and their close contacts/families, medical workers, and other persons associated with the infection because they are infected or suspect being infected.
- Tourists shall endeavor to prevent the spread of the infection and to cooperate with the infection control measures taken by the Japanese and Tokyo metropolitan governments and the Village.

https://www.vill.ogasawara.tokyo.jp/paneltop_topics/soumuka/covid_raw.html/22344/