

Points of Consideration Upon the Reopening of Schools

In addition to the thorough implementation of countermeasures against infectious diseases, the Hokkaido Prefectural Board of Education has sent schools the following points of consideration and countermeasures to be taken in school to ensure that educational activities in the new school semester are carried out safely

1 Basic Infectious Disease Countermeasures

- (1) When students arrive at school, school staff must daily verify their health condition, taking their temperature and performing a health check using the “Health Observation Sheet.”

Health conditions of the staff must be closely monitored, and appropriate responses taken when necessary.

- (2) Thorough care must be taken with proper handwashing and cough etiquette, and masks will be required on school grounds to prevent possible droplet infection through sneezing, etc.
- (3) While maintaining a proper temperature in the classroom, endeavor to ensure air flow, opening more than two windows facing opposite directions during every break.
- (4) The school building must be cleaned and disinfected using alcohol or other disinfectants.

2 Points of Consideration When Conducting Educational Activities

(1) During Class

- A) Instruct students to refrain from using loud voices or talking in groups.
- B) Ensure that students do not sit or stand facing one another.

(2) During School Lunch

- A) When eating, thorough care must be taken to ensure proper cough etiquette, such as placing a handkerchief, etc. within hand’s reach.
- B) Before passing out food, desks must be cleaned.