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Regarding Wearing Masks at School during Summer season

(夏季における学校でのマスク着用について)

We would like to express our gratitude for your continuous support and understanding on the daily basis education of Minokamo City.

We are encouraging all the students to take measures on preventing the spread of Covid-19 while living their school life normally.

In-particular this coming summer season, the Gifu prefecture board of education had once again summarized the areas that need to consider such as wearing a mask in school, if it's necessary for a pupil/students to wear a mask in school and on their daily school life basis.

On this account, we will implement a measures for prevention of heatstroke as listed below, we will ask you for your understanding and cooperation towards the matter. Please be advised that the measures for prevention of heatstroke are not intended to prohibit the wearing of masks to those students who still need to wear masks for various reasons

NOTE

1. The Concept of Wearing Mask in School Life (学校生活におけるマスクの着用の考え方)

The perspective is to prevent the infection from spreading in schools, if you cannot take physical distance (standard distance 2 meters and above) in indoors as well, If taking distance but have had conversation, If you cannot take physical distance from others while having conversation even in outdoors it will be required to wear masks,

On the contrary, if you are able to take physical distance from others indoors and rarely conversing, and also if you can maintain physical distance from others outdoors, even if you cannot keep your distance as long as you will not converse with anyone around you, you may not need to wear a mask. If there is a risk of damaging your health such as heatstroke, on days with high temperature, humidity, or heat index is high, the priority is to act the measures of prevention of heatstroke such as removing masks.

2. Occasions where Masks is not Required and Precautions During the Act.

(マスクの着用が不要な場面及びそれに際した留意事項)

【Going and leaving School, Outdoors (登下校・屋外)】

If there's a risk to health such as a heatstroke, and on days when the temperature/humidity and heat index are high, we will instruct to take off the mask upon going to and leaving the school, and prioritized the measures of prevention of heatstroke.

【Physical Education (体育)】

It is not necessary to wear a mask not only on outdoor training grounds but also on gymnasiums during physical education classes. Students will be advised to be aware with the infection situation in the current area, be sure to take distance between pupils/students when conducting indoor activities. Avoid exercise that can cause intense exhalation, conduct measures to prevent infection such as frequent ventilation.

【Extracurricular Activities (部活動)】

We will conduct measures considering the guidelines created by each league organization etc., upon conducting activities in exercises with grappling and skin contact in a short distance while following the physical education class, and we will also take infection prevention measures thoroughly including wearing of mask when necessary particularly with the following situations

- # When using common areas such as club rooms, charging rooms, locker rooms, practice locations that are no longer used, etc.
- # When eating or changing locations before and after club activities with a group.
- # When participating in competitions, during tournaments, when moving to the venue, dinner, lodging, using changing rooms, break rooms, conference rooms, wash rooms, when attending Opening Ceremony, raffte draw, Commencement Ceremony and going to support the team.

3. Prevention of discrimination and prejudice against infected persons.

感染者等に対する差別や偏見の防止について

Anyone can be infected with novel coronas. We will continue to instruct students that acts that lead to prejudice and discrimination against infected persons and those who have undergone PCR testing, such as unfounded rumors on social networking sites, are absolutely unacceptable. In addition, some students may have difficulty implementing some of the infection prevention measures due to illness, allergies, disabilities, etc. We appreciate your understanding and consideration.