

Decision-making for WCCM-APCOM 2022 according to the BCP Level

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1. Choice of the BCP Level

BCP Level	Indicator 1 : Entry restrictions	Indicator 2: Domestic situation
Level 0	No restrictions	Warnings
Level 1	Entry authorised for inbound tourists from almost all countries/regions	(1) Number of newly reported cases, positivity rate, number of COVID19 cases and the degree of shortage of hospital beds in Kanagawa and Tokyo are all at stage 1. (2) No travel restrictions involving lodging for students (no permission or application required).
Level 2	Entry banned for a limited number of countries/regions but authorised for inbound tourists of almost all countries/regions as long as the isolation period (less than a several days) imposed by the government is met.	(1) Number of newly reported cases, positivity rate, number of COVID19 cases and the degree of shortage of hospital beds in Kanagawa and Tokyo are all at stage 2 or lower. (2) Need permission from their universities for travel involving lodging for students. However, this procedure is already common within most universities.
Level 3	Quarantine for a fixed period (about a few days~2 weeks)	(1) Number of newly reported cases, positivity rate, number of COVID19 cases and the degree of shortage of hospital beds in Kanagawa and Tokyo are all at stage 2 or more. (2) Permission is required from their universities for journeys involving lodging for students but basically such trips are not encouraged. It is advised such trips are cancelled and online meetings are recommended instead.
Level 4	Entry not permitted for foreigners (Current level (as of Oct. 2021): entry to Japan is almost impossible for foreigners since landing permission is not granted and visas are not being issued)	-

Domestic situation :

- (1) Levels are defined according to the degree of tightness of medical system; stage 2 being the minimum requirement

\*) Using the monitoring of COVID19 in Kanagawa as a reference

<https://www.pref.kanagawa.jp/docs/ga4/covid19/k-vision/indicator.html>

\*) Using the Bureau of Social Welfare and Public Health (Indicator for the country to decide the stages) as a reference

[https://www.fukushihoken.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/iryo/kansen/corona\\_portal/info/kunishihyou.html](https://www.fukushihoken.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/iryo/kansen/corona_portal/info/kunishihyou.html)

\*) Quantity of new patients infected: Stage III is reached when more than 15 people/100 000 people/week are reported infected. Stage IV is when there are more than 25 people/ 100 000 people/week.

\*) PCR positivity ratio: Stage III is when the infection rate is more than 5% of the population. Stage IV is for more than 10%.

\*) Number of COVID19 cases (number of inpatients and patients quarantining at home and in managed hotel): Stage III is when more than 20 people / 100 000 people are in quarantine. Stage IV is for more than 20 people / 100 000 people.

\*) Strain rate – All hospital beds (not taking into account other indicators): Stage III is when more than 20% of the secured hospital beds are utilized. Stage IV is when that rate is more than 50%.

(2) The restrictions involving lodging for students are considered as indicators representing university policy.

## 2. The decision-making set up according to the BCP Level

- If there are strong restrictions for foreigners to enter the country, holding an in-person event would be unrealistic as most participants will be Japanese.
  - Decision to hold an in-person event if the BCP level is lower or equal to 2.
- Timing to decide the holding of in-person events
  - Phase 1 (right before the starting of registration)
    - ◇ Judgement taken according to whether Level 2 is reached or not by the end of February 2022  
(However, the decision will be made taking into account not only the situation at that time but also at the period when the event is held (beginning of August))
  - Phase 2 (right before the starting of the event if the decision to hold a physical event was made in the first phase)
    - ◇ In case there is a switching to a virtual (or semi-virtual) form
      - If BCP Level is moved to 2 to 3 (Isolation required for a given period), we switch to a fully virtual form.
        - During the early registration period (~10<sup>th</sup> of May)
          - ◇ Cancellation Policy is applied to all 'in-person registrants' and the difference between 'online registrant' and 'virtual' fees is refunded.
        - After the early registration period (after the 11<sup>th</sup> of May)
          - ◇ Application Item 3-b of the Disclaimer Notice is applied to all 'in-person registrants' and the difference between 'online registrant' and 'virtual' fees is refunded.
      - Regardless of the BCP Level, the decision is made based on the capacity of the event to make profits or not with the income generated from the registrations (if the event becomes virtual or not according to the organizers)
        - After the early registration period (after the 11<sup>th</sup> of May)
          - ◇ Application Item 3-b of the Disclaimer Notice is applied to all 'in-

person registrants' and the difference between 'online registrant' and 'virtual' fees is refunded.

- ◇ In case the event is held in-person and the BCP Level is lower or equal to 2 but entry restrictions will still be maintained for some countries or travel restrictions are imposed by the country of origin on the way back.
  - After the early registration period (after the 11th of May)
    - Establishment of the evaluation criterion of the application of the Cancellation Policy, and of the Item 3-b of the Disclaimer Notice (postponement); i.e., Not yet determined.
    - No details is written in the Disclaimer Notice at this moment.

3. About the mitigation of the "Code of conduct" (infection prevention measures included) in response to the BCP Level

- General principles, and national and municipal governments guidelines are followed
- Based on an actual situation, the decision made by the LEC according to the current BCP Level (Level 4) will be mitigated.

4. Other considerations (for the future)

- In case it has been decided that the event won't be held physically
  - In case it is not completely virtual
    - ◇ (e.g.) Individuals selected by LOC only can participate physically, in one room only, live transmitted. (Reduced hybrid form)
  - Preparation of estimations for both cases
    - ◇ Especially, content examination if reduced hybrid form
- Appreciation Event
  - If the event is held on the closed days of the Noh theatre, it is necessary to specially ask the municipality of Yokohama in advance. The deadline is in December.
- Release/addition of rooms of the hall
  - After the 10<sup>th</sup> of May
- Inquiries on the situation of the infection rate or entry restrictions
  - Information will be published on the home page
  - For individual inquiries, answers will be provided based on information shared by the JNTO (to some extent)
  - Information concerning the local restrictions of the event will be shared by the Official Website for the Convention & Visitors Bureau (to some extent)