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Dear Library Patrons,

Thank you for your continued patronage of the Hokkaido University Library.

The University has raised its Alert Level prescribed in the Business Continuity Plan During Coronavirus Outbreak (BCP) to Level 3 (Restriction – High Level) under the state of emergency that went into effect on May 16th. Subsequently, many of the functions and operations of the University including education and research have become largely restricted. The decision was made by considering what the University must do to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and how the members of the University should conduct themselves in the Pandemic. The University Library is not an exception.

Under the current situations in the city of Sapporo and Hokkaido, avoiding close contacts and unnecessary outings are the utmost of importance, and the University Library must also take precautionary measures necessary to prevent the spread of infection with your cooperation and understanding. Although reference services for your study and research are still available, the use of study areas are currently limited. We truly regret the inconvenience this may have caused for your study and research.

As stated in the message from the President on the University website, Hokkaido University has considerable responsibilities for the local society due to its functions and the size of its operations, with its members comprising 1% of the total population of the city of Sapporo. In addition to education and research, the University has a huge role to play in providing medical services to the community. As a member of Hokkaido University, your understanding of our social missions is greatly appreciated. Please remember to act responsibly with intention to prevent both infection and transmission of COVID-19.

The University Library has implemented services in response to the current restrictions including mailing service which delivers reference materials to your home. We are committed to making our services more accessible and convenient by continuously reviewing and improving what is currently available. We thank you for your ongoing support and understanding on this matter.

[Reference] Message from the President (Executive Director, Hokkaido University COVID-19 Task Force)
(https://www.global.hokudai.ac.jp/wp-content/uploads/2021/06/20210519_Message-from-the-President.pdf)

