



Teaching in Japan During COVID

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My Experience as an ALT

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- Oita City, Oita
 - 2 years
 - 2 ES and 2 JHS
 - Countryside and city schools



Travel To and From School

- Wearing a mask
- High contact surfaces
- May or may not be crowded
- Adjust your departure time accordingly



In the Classroom



- Masks and face shields
- Encourage students to wear their masks properly
- Minimize physical contact with and between students
- Utilize face shields or clear masks when teaching at the front of the classroom



Your school(s) and/or CO will most likely provide you with some form of face shield. Otherwise, they are readily available at stores like Daiso for a reasonable price.



Student Activities

- Adjust preexisting activities and group work to include social distancing
- Have smaller groups or have students sit farther apart if possible
- Reminders about masks and proper distancing
- May vary depending on class size, teacher, and school policies



Teacher Interactions and the Teacher's Room

- You will be in close contact with various teachers throughout the day
- When giving demonstrations for activities with the teacher, emphasize things like keeping your masks on while speaking and avoiding standing too close to one another
- Some school staff rooms are quite crowded at times, but often teachers are busy outside of the staff room



Cleaning



- Students clean the school either in the middle of the day or before leaving for the day depending on the school
- After students have gone home, teachers sanitize the school and all high contact surfaces



Conclusion

- In many areas, COVID cases are low or nonexistent
- Take safety precautions for you, your students and teachers, and those around you, but don't stress too much (be aware, but not anxious!)
- Keep a positive attitude and set an example for your students
- **You can do this!**



Resources

- covid19japan.com
- https://www.mofa.go.jp/ca/fna/page4e_001053.html
- <https://www.mofa.go.jp/index.html>
- <https://jp.usembassy.gov/u-s-citizen-services/>

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Questions?

