

The CDC has opened again today after a week of precautionary closure. Our two colleagues who received positive COVID-19 PCR tests are recovering well, their partners and children have now received negative COVID-19 PCR tests, and all the Child Development Center (CDC) staff have received three negative tests. CDC staff will now receive a weekly COVID-19 PCR test, and are following the [CDC: General COVID-19 Procedures](#). We ask that CDC parents are also familiar with all the COVID-19 prevention measures in this document.

I would personally like to thank the CDC staff for their diligent work over the past week. They not only continued to provide daily circle time lessons to children remotely, they also helped to disinfect the entire CDC and prepare for our children to safely return. These are a talented and hardworking group of people, and we are lucky to have them here with us at OIST.



Gail Tripp
Vice President of University Community Services

University Community Services Division



Help Prevent Theft at OIST

Please continue to take all possible measures to protect valuable assets from theft or loss:

1. Lock your drawers when you leave your office or workspace.
2. Use security locks and cables to secure your IT assets. These are available on request from IT via [Service Now](#)
3. Keep your purse, wallet, keys, or other valuable items with you at all times, or locked in a drawer or closet.
4. Do try to check the identity of any strangers who come to your office – ask who they're visiting, and whether you can help them. Don't allow visitors to be unaccompanied in your office space. Be sure they are escorted at all times.

Losses should always be reported. If you discover that assets are missing, and believe they may have been taken, please inform the Accounting Section as soon as you can, by emailing: accounting-fa@oist.jp

Your colleagues in Accounting will liaise appropriately with Facilities Management, CIO/CISO for support and follow-up, and – where necessary – they can report the incident to the police.



OIST Welcomes Prof. Daniel Spector

Hailing from Illinois in the States, and having spent time working as a mathematician in China, Israel, and Taiwan, Professor Daniel Spector joined the Okinawa Institute of Science and Technology Graduate University (OIST) in January 2020 to lead the Nonlinear Analysis Unit. This diverse overseas experience and his success as an early career mathematician – he has twice been the recipient of a Young Researcher Award, first from Taiwan National Center for Theoretical Science in 2016 and then from the National Chiao Tung University College of Science in 2017 – makes him a welcome addition to OIST's community of internationally renowned researchers. He arrived just as OIST is looking to grow its pool of theoretical mathematicians.

[Read more about him in the OIST News Center.](#)

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Gender Roles and Their Impact in Academia

Tues., Oct. 13 -
Thurs., Oct. 15

Virtual

The Diversity Section recommends a virtual conference hosted by EMBL on the following topics: What is the impact of gender stereotypes in society and the workplace? How do we define and recognise merit in academia in a gender-neutral way? Are the aims of academia compatible with the aim of equal opportunities for all? What are the measures successfully applied in different institutions to support gender equality?

Ethical Issues Associated with Stem Cell Research

Wed., Oct. 14, 1pm

C209 & Zoom

Professor Misao Fujita, Director of the Uehiro Ethics Research Division of the Center for iPS Cell Research and Application at Kyoto Univ, will give a seminar followed by a Q&A session. Please attend in person if you need English interpretation.

Science for Society

Thurs., Oct. 15, 5pm

C700 & Zoom

MIT "35 Under 35" Innovator Mohamed Dhaouafi describes his journey from university student to social entrepreneur

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