



オタワ日本語学校

**Ottawa Japanese Language School Inc.**  
**École de langue japonaise d'Ottawa**

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Dear students and parents,

As you are all aware, the current global outbreak of COVID-19 is a serious issue. The reactions of our government at all levels have been significant, and included many measures intended to keep people safe and minimize the spread of the virus. Over the last few weeks, these measures have ramped up as necessary to contain the spread of the virus. As such, we have no choice but to close the school for the remainder of the school year and cancel all classes scheduled for this spring and summer.

We are unable to say definitively at this time what the status of the school will be for classes scheduled starting in September, but we will post updates on our website and social media over the coming months as necessary.

Further, the OJLS Speech Contest is postponed indefinitely. Contest organizers will evaluate when it is safe to reschedule and provide information through the OJLS website and social media accounts. We appreciate the patience of everyone who worked so hard to prepare.

We are unable to offer refunds for the semester. We ask for your understanding in this matter, as tuition fees are necessary to ensure the stability of the school through this time and provide for the security of our faculty.

In lieu of refunds, we will be offering all returning students a credit of 50% off one semester upon the first registration after the school reopens.

If you have any questions or concerns, you may send them to [chairperson@ojls.ca](mailto:chairperson@ojls.ca).

On behalf of the Ottawa Japanese Language School and the entire board of directors, we appreciate your patience and understanding in these difficult times. We hope you continue to be safe and healthy, and that we will be able to see you all back in class when the school is reopened.

Sincerely,

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