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Plans for Resuming Kendo Keiko

The All Japan Kendo Federation (AJKF) requested self-restraint in the participation of interpersonal keiko (taijin-teki-keiko). With the continued threat of COVID-19, the self-restraint period has lasted for two months.

The AJKF is now considering appropriate steps for kendo training to be resumed in Japan. To this end, we have been developing equipment to prevent infection through spray from practitioners' mouths. This is a crucial condition for the resumption of kendo. We plan to make an announcement in 10 days based on medical and scientific test results.

Please note that the AJKF's conclusions will be made from a medical and scientific point of view. Further announcements will be made regarding guidelines for the timing of the resumption of practice, as well as policies for future competitions and examinations.

*Please note that this information relates specifically to Japan. Overseas practitioners should follow the rules in their country.