

COVID-19 Infection Prevention Measures

Joint Emergency Message from Governors of Aichi, Gifu & Mie Prefectures

At present, cases of infection are rapidly increasing both nationwide and in the Three Prefectures that comprise the Tokai region. We ask for thorough implementation of infection prevention measures conducted with the utmost caution with regard to the “arrival of the 3rd wave toward the end of the year”.

【Infection Status in the Three Prefectures】

As infection numbers continue to rise, infections are spreading and clusters are occurring through “**downtown drinking and eating establishments offering hospitality service**”, “**dining gatherings with large numbers of people such as families**”, in “**workplaces**” and “**medical and welfare institutions**” etc.

Cases of infections across Prefectural borders are also occurring.

【Infection Status Nationwide】

In addition to the area around Tokyo, Hokkaido and Okinawa amongst others continue to see large increases in infection numbers.

The number of clusters is also increasing and their types diversifying.

To all Prefectural Residents

- **The number of infections spreading through the home is increasing. You cannot let your guard down even within your home.**

Continue to carry out basic infection prevention measures thoroughly such that you don't carry the virus into your home. (“Wear masks”, “wash your hands” and “avoid the 3 Cs”. In particular, carry out “thorough ventilation” even during the cold season.)
- **The number of infections spread through eating/drinking is increasing.**

Restrain yourself during the New Years Period which has many occasions for social dining and avoid facilities and regions which have a high risk of infection. Thoroughly implement measures to reduce infection risk in the event of enjoying social dining, including exercising **plenty of caution with regard to “eating & drinking with large numbers of people or over long times”, “parties involving alcohol etc”** and in particular **avoiding “conversation without wearing masks”** with people other than your family.

Make reference to the ※**“Five High Infection Risk Situations”** which the Office for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control has declared based on the knowledge gained by cluster analysis up until now.

※ “Parties involving alcohol etc”, “eating & drinking with large numbers of people or over long times”, “conversation without wearing masks”, “shared small living spaces” and “places with a high turnover of people”.
- **Examples of infections spreading due to people continuing on in bad physical condition.**

If you have a bad physical condition including symptoms such as fever, coughing, loss of taste or strong feelings of tiredness etc., stop all of your activities such as trips outside, attending work or attending school and consult a medical institution to get examined.

○ **Thorough implementation of infection prevention measures at seasonal events.**

If you are participating in seasonal events which involve gatherings of people such as Christmas, New Year's Eve and New Year's Day, implement thorough basic infection prevention measures such as maintenance of social distancing, wearing of masks, hand hygiene and avoidance of loud conversation.

Avoid participation in events and parties etc. which involve gatherings of indeterminate numbers of people without organizers and may involve loud conversation in places such as public spaces.

For Businesses/Facility Managers

○ **The number of infections spread through workplaces and businesses etc. is increasing.**

Once infections occur they can cause a lot of damage to the running of business activities.

In addition to thoroughly observing the Guidelines for Infection Prevention Measures in Each Type of Business, implement effective infection control measures taking into account the individual requests made by the Governors of the Three Prefectures suited for the particular characteristics of each region, such as deciding a person responsible for infection prevention measures and regularly checking those measures strictly.

○ Infections are also occurring not only within working hours but also at **“social dining after work and smoking breaks etc where masks have been taken off”**. Ensure your workers implement infection prevention measures thoroughly and **carefully**.

○ In particular, it is important to pay meticulous attention to reconfirm thorough implementation of infection prevention measures in welfare facilities used by those (such as elderly persons) who are particularly vulnerable to developing severe symptoms.

○ For educational organizations accepting foreign students and companies employing foreign workers, it is important to take any language barriers and cultural differences into account and increase infection prevention measures amongst foreign people.

Consideration of Human Rights in Relation to COVID-19

○ Aim to create a society which does not take part in unjustified discrimination or prejudice against infected persons or persons belonging to groups where infections have occurred based on false information such as social media or rumours.

Promotion of Strong Partnership between Three Prefectures

○ The Three Prefectures will proceed with joint initiatives and provide swift updates on information concerning the infection situation in each Prefecture (in particular, individual examples of infections crossing prefectural borders and the situation concerning clusters and how they are being dealt with etc.) so as to promote effective infection prevention measures.

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