

Governor's Message:

State of Emergency Extended!

Be Responsible for Your Behavior!

The COVID-19 State of Emergency for Hyogo Prefecture was extended to May 31. The daily new case counts in Hyogo Prefecture still continues to exceed 300, and the seven-day moving average has been around 400. The situation surrounding medical services remains critical: over 1,500 patients are waiting at home to be hospitalized, and it is also becoming difficult to provide medical services to non-COVID-19 patients.

In order to curb further spread of infections and contain the infection surge, take responsible action and practice the following with a strong will of preventing infections.

Request to business operators

1. Take thorough countermeasures at eating and drinking establishments

- Stop serving alcohol and providing karaoke services.
- Eating and drinking establishments that do not serve alcohol or provide karaoke services are requested to operate between 5:00 and 20:00.
- Do not allow guests to bring any alcohol to eating and drinking establishments.
- Ask customers not to drink in front of the shops (convenience stores, etc.) or on the street.
- Take thorough infection prevention measures at eating and drinking establishments.

Using acrylic partitions or keeping a proper distance between guests, providing hand sanitizers, ventilating the rooms, requesting guests to wear face masks, not admitting those who show symptoms such as fever, encouraging employees to get tested

2. Reduce the flow of people

- Certain facilities that attract a great number of people, such as large commercial complexes, are requested to shut down operations on weekends and shorten business hours to 19:00 on weekdays.
- The number of visitors at an event (1) must not exceed 5,000 and (2) must not exceed 50% of the venue's capacity. Events must be closed by 21:00.

3. Take thorough countermeasures at workplaces and facilities

- Take thorough infection prevention measures at workplaces and facilities, such as managing employees' health, ventilating rooms, providing hand

sanitizers, and urging employees to wear face masks.

- Urge employees of **facilities for the elderly** to **take PCR tests**.
- Urge employees to **avoid dining together at house parties, office parties, or other occasions**.

4. Reduce 70% of commuters

- Make efforts to **reduce 70% of commuters** and utilize **telecommuting and video conferences**.