

Curb the Sixth Wave of Infections by All Means!

It was decided on January 25 that the pre-emergency measures will be applied to all areas of Hyogo Prefecture. Due to the highly infectious Omicron variant, we have entered the sixth wave of infections and the new case count have reached 3,360, the highest recorded number ever, on January 25. We request Hyogo-based business operators to implement the following with a strong will to prevent the spread of infections by all means in order to prevent overwhelming hospitals and protect social activities.

1. Take thorough countermeasures at eating and drinking establishments

- Eating and drinking establishments are requested to practice the following business hour regulations and entry restrictions.

		Restaurants that are certified as taking proper measures	Restaurants that not are certified as taking proper measures
Period		January 27 (Thu.) to February 20 (Sun.), 2022	
Area		Throughout Hyogo Prefecture	
Contents	Business hours	5:00–21:00 (serving alcohol: 11:00–20:30) or 5:00–20:00 (no serving alcohol)	5:00–20:00 (no serving alcohol)
	Entry restrictions	4 persons per table, within 2 hours	4 persons per group, within 2 hours

- Take thorough infection prevention measures by ventilating rooms and urging visitors to avoid any of the three Cs, wear face masks during conversations, and refrain from talking loudly at eating and drinking establishments. Take extra caution when offering karaoke services.

2. Thoroughly practice infection prevention measures

- Thoroughly practice infection prevention measures based on each industry's guidelines.
- Facilities that attract many visitors are requested to take thorough infection prevention measures, such as limiting visitors, urging them to wear face masks, and installing equipment to prevent the spread of droplets. Take extra caution at cluster-prone facilities, such as social welfare facilities, hospitals, schools, kindergartens, and nursery schools.
- Maximum number of visitors at events that have a safety plan which has been approved: 20,000 (100% of capacity for events where visitors do not speak loudly)
Maximum number of visitors at events that are not included in the above: 5,000 (100% of capacity for events where visitors do not speak loudly; 50% for events where visitors speak loudly)

3. Reduce the number of commuters

- To reduce social interactions, promote working in shifts, staggering work hours, and working from home (teleworking). Give due consideration to employees with higher risk of aggravation, such as elderly people, those with underlying conditions, and pregnant women.
- Take proper measures based on the BCP.