

## Governor's Message:

# Curb the Rapid COVID-19 Infection Surge with Pre-emergency Measures

On April 1, Hyogo Prefecture was designated an area for targeted and stricter measures against COVID-19 by the national government.

In response to this, from April 5, we will apply stronger countermeasures such as shortening business hours in Kobe City and the Hanshin-minami area (Amagasaki City, Nishinomiya City, and Ashiya City), where a rapid resurgence is observed.

I would like to ask Hyogo citizens and business operators to practice the following with the strong will of preventing the spread of infection by all means.

### Request to Hyogo-based business operators

- Eating and drinking establishments are requested to practice the following.
  - ① Shorten business hours. In Kobe, Amagasaki, Nishinomiya, and Ashiya, these measures will be applied until May 5.

Area	Kobe, Amagasaki, Nishinomiya, Ashiya		Hanshin-kita area (Itami, Takarazuka, Kawanishi, Sanda, Inagawa) Higashi-Harima area (Akashi, Kakogawa, Takasago, Inami, Harima) Naka-Harima area (Himeji, Ichikawa, Fukusaki, Kamikawa)
Period	Apr. 1 to 4, 2021	Apr. 5 to May 5, 2021	Apr. 1 to 21, 2021
Contents	Open: 5:00–21:00 (Serving alcohol: 11:00–20:30)	Open: 5:00–20:00 (Serving alcohol: 11:00–19:00)	Open: 5:00–21:00 (Serving alcohol: 11:00–20:30)

- ② Thoroughly practice infection prevention measures at eating and drinking establishments.
  - ✓ Use acrylic partitions or keep a proper distance between guests, provide hand sanitizers, and ventilate the rooms.
  - ✓ Request guests to wear face masks and do not admit those who do not follow the request.
  - ✓ Do not admit those who show symptoms of infectious diseases such as fever.
  - ✓ Encourage employees to get tested.
  - ✓ Stop offering karaoke services at eating and drinking establishments.
- ③ We will start patrols to check the status of infection prevention measures at eating and drinking establishments and would like to ask for your cooperation.
  - Throughout the prefecture, (1) the number of visitors at an event must not exceed 5,000 and (2) must not exceed 50% of the venue's capacity for indoor events and enough distance must be secured among participants for outdoor events.
  - Make efforts to reduce 70% of commuters and utilize telecommuting and video conferences.

## Request to Hyogo citizens

- Refrain from visiting eating and drinking establishments after the requested closing time.
- Refrain from dining and drinking in groups or for long hours (including parties, house parties, and afterparties).
- When dining with others, please do so in groups of four or less and use fans, face masks, or other items to cover the mouth to prevent the spread of droplets.
- After dining with others, please take extra caution when coming into contact with other people for a certain period; be careful not to spread the virus.