

State of Emergency!

Take Every Measure to Curb the COVID-19 Infection Spread

The third State of Emergency was declared for Hyogo Prefecture on April 23. Hyogo Prefecture is truly **in an emergency state with a record number of newly confirmed cases being reported every day**. The healthcare system is about to **become completely overwhelmed** with over 1,000 patients on the waiting list for hospitalization.

With **the Golden Week holidays coming soon**, we must reduce the flow of people in order to **curb further spread of infections** by all means.

Hyogo citizens are requested to **practice the following with a strong will of protecting everyone's lives** while recognizing that our region is **under the State of Emergency**.

Request to Hyogo citizens

1. Avoid outings

- **Avoid going out** unless it is necessary to sustain your everyday life.
- **Refrain from traveling to areas outside the prefecture where a surge in infections has been observed, such as Osaka and Tokyo, even if it is to visit your family members.**
- **Never visit eating and drinking establishments that serve alcohol, provide karaoke services, or do not follow our request to shorten business hours.**
- **Refrain from participating in events.**

2. Take thorough infection prevention measures

- **Be careful not to bring the virus into your home, or spread the virus at home or outside.**
- **Thoroughly implement basic infection prevention measures** at schools and facilities, such as wearing face masks, washing or disinfecting your hands, keeping a distance away from others, and ventilating the rooms.

3. Avoid risky behavior (especially for young people)

- **Avoid risky behavior** such as dining out.
- **Never drink in groups on the street or in the parks.**
- **Thoroughly implement infection prevention measures** by wearing face masks and sanitizing your hands **during school club activities.**

4. Promote telecommuting and taking a leave of absence from work

- Make efforts to reduce 70% of commuters and utilize telecommuting, and during the Golden Week holidays, take a leave of absence from work.