

Governor's Message:  
**State of Emergency Extended Again!  
Don't Let Your Guard Down,  
Curb the Infection Surge This Time for Sure!**

The COVID-19 **State of Emergency** for Hyogo Prefecture was extended again to June 20.

The weekly average of new cases still exceeds 100, and the medical system remains in a **critical condition**. Furthermore, **threats of coronavirus variants** including the **Indian variant** are increasing.

Business operators are requested to **prevent situations with a higher risk of infections at restaurants, etc.**, even under the current harsh business environment.

### **Request to business operators**

#### 1. Take thorough countermeasures at eating and drinking establishments

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

#### 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 20:00 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 offices and facilities

- **Take basic infection prevention measures thoroughly at offices and social welfare facilities**, such as managing employees' health, ventilating rooms, providing hand sanitizers, and urging employees to wear face masks.
- Urge employees of **social welfare facilities** to **take PCR tests.**
- **If there is an infection suspected in a facility (e.g., someone has a fever), immediately contact the public health center and follow their instructions.**
- **Do not let employees attend work or let facility users use the service if any of their family members have symptoms such as fever or are undergoing a PCR test.**

#### 4. Reduce 70% of commuters

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