

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.

Each citizen is requested to take responsible action with a strong will of curbing the infection spread by all means. Do not let your guard down and continue to focus on "Together We Prevent, Together We Fight against COVID-19."

Request to Hyogo citizens

1. Infection prevention measures at home

Household transmission accounts for 60% of the infection routes. Thoroughly implement infection prevention measures.

- **Be careful not to bring the virus into your home.** Avoid risky behavior such as dining in groups and thoroughly implement basic infection prevention measures such as wearing face masks.
- **Be careful not to spread the virus at home.** Wash your hands when you return home, ventilate the rooms, and if a family member has a fever, prepare a private room for the person and disinfect shared spaces.
- **Be careful not to spread the virus outside.** Manage the health of yourself and family members by checking temperatures daily, and seek advice from your family doctor when someone has symptoms such as fever.
- **Do not let your child go to school if any of your family members have symptoms such as fever or are undergoing a PCR test,** even if the child shows no symptoms.
- **Refrain from holding house parties** with your friends.

2. Avoid outings

Do not engage in dangerous behavior with a high risk of infections.

- **Refrain from visiting areas outside the prefecture where a surge in infections has been observed,** such as Osaka. In particular, **avoid going out on holidays or days off** unless it is necessary to sustain your everyday life.
- **Never visit** eating and drinking establishments that serve alcohol, provide karaoke services, or do not follow our request to shorten business hours.
- **Do not bring any alcohol** to eating and drinking establishments.
- **Never drink alcohol in front of the shop, on the street, or in the parks** after purchasing it from convenience stores, etc.

3. Reduce commuters

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