

COVID-19 : Requests to Citizens and Businesses in Kochi Prefecture (2)

Response stage : Special Precaution (Red) (4 June 2021)

Requests from 4 June until **20 June**

○ **Within Kochi Prefecture, the rate of infection from COVID-19 variant strains is extremely high.**

More than ever, please undertake the basic infection prevention measures.

- (1) Wear masks and avoid the 3 C's. (Closed spaces, Crowded places, Close-contact settings).
- (2) When playing sports, disinfect the changing room and any high-use areas (e.g. the playing area) and open windows to allow fresh air in.
- (3) Install COCOA, the COVID-19 contact tracing application.
- (4) Do not harass and discriminate against health workers, those who have caught COVID-19, and their families.

○ **To Businesses**

- (1) Follow infection prevention guidelines (especially having staff wear masks).
- (2) Restaurants and bars that serve alcoholic beverages, and managers of sports facilities are especially requested to comply with guidelines.

1 Regarding Going Out There is no request to limit going outside. Follow basic infection prevention measures.

Restaurants in Shimanto City and Kochi City are being asked to close before 8pm. Please refrain from going to restaurants in these cities after 8pm.

◇ **Shimanto city – 26 May ~ 8 June** ◇ **Kochi city – 26 May ~ 20 June**

2 Regarding Travel to Other Prefectures

- (1) **Limit travel to areas currently under a “State of Emergency (緊急事態宣言)” or Quasi-Emergency Measures (まん延防止等重点措置)” as much as possible.** If you must travel, wear a mask, avoid the 3 C's, and **take all precautions possible to limit the possibility of infection.**
- (2) **If you travel, choose locations where COVID-19 is not widespread, travel in areas and during times when it is not crowded, and travel only with people you are in contact with on a regular basis.**
- (3) **If traveling to other prefectures, follow the guidelines and requests of their governors.**
- (4) If your trip will not be able to abide by the above points, seriously reconsider traveling.
- (5) If you have a fever or other symptoms associated with COVID-19, do not travel to other prefectures.

3 Regarding Eating with others Please pay attention to the following points.

- (1) **Please refrain from dining out in groups of more than four people and for longer than two hours.**
- (2) **During times you are mainly talking, wear a mask as much as possible, to prevent droplet infection.**
- (3) Refrain from high-risk behaviors such as kenpai/henpai (pouring drinks or being poured a drink by others), drinking from a cup someone else has used, loud conversation, and singing karaoke without a mask.

4 Regarding Events etc. When holding events, observe the following and comply with industry-specific guidelines.

- (1) Max. participants
 - Events where loud cheering/voices are not expected (classical concerts, ceremonies, exhibitions, etc.) : 100% capacity
 - Events where loud cheering/voices are expected (rock and pop concerts, sports events, etc.) : 50% capacity
 (Groups of five or fewer people do not have to be spaced apart. In this case capacity may go over 50%.)
- (2) Events that involve travel throughout Japan or more than 1000 participants must be discussed beforehand with the Prefecture.

5 Regarding Prefectural Facilities Facilities are open as usual and follow industry-specific infection prevention guidelines.