

Emergency measures in response to the spread of COVID-19

Today Fukuoka Prefecture has been added as subject region to the National Government's State of Emergency Declaration. In response to this, the Fukuoka Prefectural Government held a meeting with the prefectural coronavirus task force and decided on the emergency measures to be requested to the residents and businesses of the prefecture.

○Area and period of measures to be taken

Area: All areas within the prefecture

Period: Thursday, January 14, 0:00 to Sunday, February 7, 24:00

○Request to all prefectural residents

In accordance with Article 45, Paragraph 1 of the Act on Special Measures, we ask that you refrain from unnecessary outings, both day or night. Particularly, going out after 20:00.

This does not apply to going to the hospital, shopping for food and daily necessities, going to work, exercising, taking a walk, or any other activities that are necessary to maintain your life and health.

Please continue to perform standard infection prevention practices such as masks, hand washing, physical distance, and avoiding the three Cs.

Request to Prefectural Residents

(Request based Article 45, Paragraph 1 of the Act on Special Measures)

Refrain from unnecessary outings

(Especially after 20:00)

*** Excluding cases where it is necessary to maintain daily
life and for health**

○Request to all businesses

Based on Article 24, Paragraph 9 of the Act on Special Measures, restaurants, coffee shops, and entertainment facilities (bars, karaoke boxes, etc.) that have obtained a restaurant business license under the Food Sanitation Act are requested to keep their business hours from 5:00 to 20:00. Alcoholic beverages will be served from 11:00 to 19:00.

The period will be from 0:00 Saturday, January 16 to 24:00 Sunday, February 7.

This does not apply to home delivery, takeout services and businesses that are expected to be operating to a considerable extent of time for the purpose of lodging, such as Internet cafes.

We ask that you continue to take thorough infection prevention practices in accordance with the

guidelines and display the "Infection Prevention Sticker". We would like to thank all the stores that have been cooperating with us in this regard. If your store has not yet used the subsidy or displayed the sticker, please apply for it as soon as possible.

We would like to offer a subsidy to those restaurants that respond to this request for shorter hours. We are working on the details and will let you know as soon as possible when they are finalized.

Request to restaurants
(Request based Article 24, Paragraph 9 of the Act on Special Measures)

 **Shortened business hours (5:00 to 20:00)**
* **Alcoholic beverages to be served from 11:00 to 19:00**
* **Period:**
Saturday, January 16, midnight to Sunday, February 7, 24:00

Target facilities

- Restaurants and coffee shops**
* Excludes delivery and takeout services. Food stalls are included.
- Entertainment facilities (**bars, karaoke boxes, etc.**) that have a restaurant business license under the Food Sanitation Act.
* Excludes Internet cafes, manga cafes, and other facilities that are expected to be used for overnight stays

For facilities other than restaurants, although this is not a request based on the Act on Special Measures, please set the operating hours from 5:00 to 20:00 and the hours for serving alcoholic beverages from 11:00 a.m. to 19:00, the same as for restaurants.

The maximum number of people to be accommodated should be 5,000, and the capacity ratio should be 50% or less, for theaters, movie theaters, museums, and art galleries,

Request to all facilities other than restaurants	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Theaters, auditoriums, movie theaters, or performance halls ● Assembly halls, public halls, exhibition halls ● Hotels or inns (Limited to use for gatherings) ● Sports facilities, amusement facilities ● Museum, art museum, or library 	<p>Shortened business hours (5:00 to 20:00) * 11:00 to 19:00 for serving alcoholic beverages Limit up to 5,000 people and capacity ratio of 50% or less in venue</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Entertainment facilities (facilities that do not have a food and beverage business license under the Food Sanitation Act) ● Shops that sale goods and services. (Shops with over 1,000 m2 space, excluding necessary daily life and services) 	<p>Shortened business hours (5:00 to 20:00) * 11:00 to 19:00 for serving alcoholic beverages</p>

Commuting to work

Businesses are requested to take precautions to reduce contact with other people and we want to reduce the number of employees who go to work by 70%. We ask people to either work from home,

rotating work hours, staggered work hours, and bicycle commuting, even when it is necessary to go to work.

We also ask for your cooperation in reducing work hours after 20:00, unless it is necessary for business continuity.

In addition, please be aware of situations where the risk of infection increases, such as break rooms and changing rooms, and take thorough infection prevention practices in accordance with the guidelines.

Request for workers



Work from home and rotating works

If you go to work, use staggered work hours and/or commute by bicycle.

Goal to reduce about 70% employees going to work



Reduce working after 20:00, except when necessary for business continuity.



Take infection prevention practices in break rooms, changing rooms, etc.

Take thorough precautions in accordance with the guidelines.

○Restrictions on holding events etc

Both indoor and outdoor events should be limited to 5,000 people or less. For indoor events, the number of participants should be limited to 50% of the capacity of the venue, and for outdoor events, the physical distance should be sufficient.

If it is not possible to take thorough infection prevention practices, please make a careful decision about holding the event. Also, please make sure that participants are aware of the Contact Confirmation Application (COCOA).

Restrictions on holding events etc.

Indoor

Less than 5,000 people and/or capacity ratio of 50% or less in venue 5,000

Outdoor

Less than 5,000 people and physical distance (2m)

* Please promote the Contact Confirmation Application (COCOA).

○For prefectural government sponsored events and prefectural government facilities

The same restrictions as above regarding the number of people and operating hours.

○Regarding to Schools etc.

Schools are requested to thoroughly warn children, students, and others about activities with a high risk of infection in classes, school events, and club activities.

○In Closing

The Fukuoka Prefectural Government has been working together with the prefectural medical association, medical professionals, prefectural residents and businesses to maintain and secure the medical institution and prevent the spread of infection, thereby minimizing the impact on socioeconomic activities as much as possible. Now that Fukuoka Prefecture has been selected to be part to the State of Emergency Declaration, we would like to make thorough efforts to stop the spread of infection as much as possible, with the understanding and cooperation from prefectural residents and businesses.

I again ask for the understanding and cooperation of all prefectural residents and businesses in the prefecture.