

Requests to the residents (August 31, 2021)

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 - Refraining from visiting other prefectures for sightseeing
 - Postponing existing reservations and refraining from making new reservations for sightseeing in the prefecture using “Wakayama Refresh Plan 2nd”
 - Consulting with a clinic and refraining from going to work or school as soon as symptoms are found in yourself or your family members
 - *Clinics should encourage family members living together with those tested positive, etc. to get tested without waiting for the Public Health Center’s decision.
 - Early reservation for vaccination
 - Measures such as wearing of a mask to be continued even after vaccination
- Responsible camping and barbecue: Select a designated place such as camping sites, follow the rules set by the administrator, implement preventive measures such as avoiding close contact settings, and bring trash home
- Regular ventilation during air-conditioning to be maintained
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- Checking temperature at businesses
 - Particular attention to be paid by hospitals and welfare facility services
 - **Further preventive measures to be taken in healthcare settings**
 - **Thorough testing to be implemented for those entering or using welfare facilities after being discharged from hospital**
 - Further attention to be paid by close contacts even when they tested negative
 - Early suspicion of COVID-19 by medical institutions
 - Guidelines to prevent the spread of infections for each business
 - Compulsory wearing of a mask at workplaces

Refraining from non-essential and non-urgent outing

- All the residents of Wakayama Prefecture are requested to refrain from non-essential and non-urgent outings. When you need to go out, please implement basic preventive measures thoroughly.

Refraining from non-essential and non-urgent visit to the areas covered by the state of emergency or areas where pre-emergency measures should be taken such as Osaka, Hyogo, Kyoto, Shiga and Mie Prefectures or eating in a group or going to restaurants/bars where staff entertain customers even during essential and urgent visits

- Please refrain from non-essential and non-urgent visit to Osaka, Hyogo, Kyoto, Shiga, Mie, Hokkaido, Miyagi, Fukushima, Ibaraki, Tochigi, Gunma, Saitama, Chiba, Tokyo, Kanagawa, Toyama, Ishikawa, Yamanashi, Gifu, Shizuoka, Aichi, Okayama, Hiroshima, Kagawa, Ehime, Kochi, Fukuoka, Saga, Nagasaki, Kumamoto, Miyazaki, Kagoshima and Okinawa Prefectures while the state of emergency is effective or the pre-emergency measures are implemented. When you need to go to these prefectures, please implement basic preventive measures thoroughly and refrain from eating in a group or going to restaurants/bars where staff entertain customers.

Refraining from returning to the hometown in Wakayama Prefecture as much as possible

Self-restraint by returnees who are already in the hometown in eating in a group with non-family members

- Please refrain from returning to the hometown in Wakayama Prefecture as much as possible as there have been cases of infection brought by returnees from other prefectures. Those who are already in their hometown are requested to refrain from eating in a group with people other than their family members.

Going to and returning from work or school in other prefectures straight without stopping off at any other places or eating in a group

- The infections have been widespread and the risk of getting infected is high in neighboring prefectures such as Osaka. If you are going to work or school in other prefectures, please only do what is truly necessary. You should go to and return from work or school straight without stopping off at any other places or eating in a group.

Active use of teleworking

- Those who are commuting to Osaka are requested to work from home (teleworking).
- In addition, business operators in the prefecture are requested to actively utilize teleworking.

Careful attention to be paid during eating/drinking or karaoke

- As you need to take off your mask during eating/drinking or karaoke, the risk of infection may increase. Please thoroughly implement basic preventive measures.

Refraining from dining and staying together in a group late into the night

- There were cases of infection among those who had dined together with their friends for a long time late into the night and stayed overnight at their friends' home. Please refrain from such activities.

Summer vacation of prefectural schools to continue until August 31

Staggered attendance and online classes to be implemented for the moment from September 1 (except for schools for Special Needs Education)

- Summer vacation of prefectural schools will continue until August 31. (No change will be made for summer vacation of schools originally scheduled to end on August 31.)

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* Municipalities have been requested to take appropriate measures for their local elementary and junior high schools according to their respective situations.

Club activities at schools to be conducted according to the guideline without holding practice matches

Self-restraint by students in joining any activities when symptoms such as fever are found in their family members

- Club activities should be conducted according to the guidelines for high school club activities in Wakayama Prefecture regarding COVID-19 preventive measures.
- Practice matches/joint trainings with other schools within or outside the prefecture are prohibited.
- Students should refrain from joining any activities when symptoms such as fever are found in their family members.

Thorough preventive measures to be taken in after-school care facilities, tutoring schools and cultural/sports classes

- As after-school care facilities, tutoring schools and cultural/sports classes tend to cause the "3Cs" situations (closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact settings), thorough preventive measures are required. Children and students in these facilities should be instructed to wear a mask properly.

Careful consideration on holding events

- Event organizers are requested to consider postponement or cancellation of their events.

If the event is expected to attract visitors from other prefectures or more than 1000 visitors, prior consultation to the prefectural government is required.

Self-restraint by accommodation facilities in accepting new reservations from tourists living in other prefectures

- To reduce people traveling from/to other prefectures, accommodation facilities are requested to refrain from accepting new reservations from tourists living in other prefectures.

Refraining from visiting other prefectures for sightseeing

Postponing existing reservations and refraining from making new reservations for sightseeing in the prefecture using "Wakayama Refresh Plan 2nd"

- Please refrain from visiting other prefectures for sightseeing as there have been cases of infection among those who did it.
- With regard to the use of "Wakayama Refresh Plan 2nd", please refrain from making new reservations for sightseeing in the prefecture for a while. Also, if you have already made reservations, please postpone them as much as possible.

Consulting with a clinic and refraining from going to work or school as soon as symptoms are found in yourself or your family members

- If you show symptoms such as fever, coughing, lost or changed sense of taste or smell, please consult with medical institutions as soon as possible, and refrain from outings including going to work or school. Even if the symptoms that you suffered on the previous day have disappeared, please try not to go to work or school as much as possible. Moreover, if these symptoms are found in your family members, please also refrain from going to work or school.
- * Clinics should make family members living together with those tested positive, etc. get tested without waiting for the Public Health Center's decision.

Early reservation for vaccination

- It has been proved that vaccines can lower the risk of serious illness. Please get yourself vaccinated proactively.

Measures such as wearing of a mask to be continued even after vaccination

- COVID-19 vaccines are not 100% effective in preventing people from developing diseases while their high efficacy has been proven. Also, the extent to which they prevent spreading the virus to others is yet to be known. Therefore, even after vaccination, you are continuously requested to implement preventive measures thoroughly. In particular, please avoid "3Cs", wear a mask, wash hands with soap and disinfect hands and fingers with alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

Responsible camping and barbecue: Select a designated place such as camping sites, follow the rules set by the administrator, implement preventive measures such as avoiding close contact settings, and bring trash home

- When you go camping or have a barbecue, please select a designated place such as municipal camping sites and follow the rules set by the administrator. Please also implement basic preventive measures such as avoiding close contact settings and bring trash home with you.

Regular ventilation during air-conditioning to be maintained

- Using air conditioning with windows closed will increase the risk of infections as it creates a closed space. Therefore, please maintain regular ventilation.

Checking temperature at businesses

- Business operators should check their employees' temperature. If their employees have any symptoms, please stop them from working and take appropriate responses such as encouraging them to go to a clinic, etc.

Particular attention to be paid by hospitals and welfare facility services

Further preventive measures to be taken in healthcare settings

- Staff of hospitals and welfare facilities should pay particular attention not to bring infections in their facilities. All staff, including home-visit/day care providers and care managers, should thoroughly implement preventive measures, and self-monitor the health conditions more strictly, such as checking temperature at each facility.

Thorough testing to be implemented for those entering or using welfare facilities after being discharged from hospital

- COVID-19 tests should be implemented using antigen test kits for those entering or using welfare facilities after being discharged from hospital.

Further attention to be paid by close contacts even when they tested negative

- In Wakayama Prefecture, close contacts of those infected are promptly identified and offered PCR tests. Therefore, there have been some cases where the close contacts tested positive in later tests during the two-week quarantine period even when they had tested negative in the first test. The close contacts are requested to stay at home in self-isolation during their quarantine period and avoid contact with other people.

Early suspicion of COVID-19 by medical institutions

- Medical institutions, clinics in particular, are requested to continuously work on early detection of COVID-19 patients by suspecting infection at an earlier stage and performing tests promptly even for those with mild symptoms such as coughing and slight fever.

Guidelines to prevent the spread of infections for each business

- Each business operator has been requested to comply with the guidelines to prevent the spread of infections made by the prefectural government and relevant business sectors. While many of the business operators have been following the guidelines, all operators should thoroughly comply with their guidelines and put a poster to prevent the spread of infections.

Compulsory wearing of a mask at workplaces

- A cluster of infections occurred at a workplace and the suspected cause of infections is a conversation without a mask during work. At workplaces, many people share the same space for a long time. Therefore, not only during meetings but also at all times, please thoroughly implement preventive measures such as wearing a mask, disinfecting hands and fingers, sanitizing shared surfaces including door knobs and handles, frequent ventilation, etc.