

Press release: April 17, 2020

Requests for the residents in response to a state of emergency declared to all prefectures including Wakayama Prefecture (Ver. 3)

On April 16, a state of emergency was extended to cover all prefectures including Wakayama Prefecture.

In response to the expansion, in addition to the requests already issued on April 8 and 12, the Head of the Novel Coronavirus Response Headquarters of Wakayama Prefecture (Head: Governor of Wakayama Prefecture) would like to make further requests to the residents and business operators in the prefecture as follows including self-restraint in going out and traveling to/from other prefectures as “emergency measures” based on Article 45, paragraph 1 of the Act on Special Measures for Pandemic Influenza and New Infectious Diseases Preparedness and Response as well as other measures based on Article 24, paragraph 9 of the Act.

To the residents of Wakayama

1. Further request for self-restraint in going out

(1) Please avoid visiting any places where the "3Cs" (closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact settings) overlap.

In particular, it is requested that you strictly refrain from visiting restaurants with waiting staff, etc. in night entertainment districts.

(2) If you show any symptoms such as coughing or fever, never manage to go out even to commuting to work.

(3) When you go out due to reasons necessary for maintaining daily life such as shopping for daily necessities, please try to reduce people-to-people contact as much as possible by limiting the number of accompanying persons, etc.

(4) In general, before going out, please carefully consider its necessity. Unless the outing is inevitable on that day, please postpone it for now.

2. Self-restraint in traveling to/from other prefectures

(1) Please refrain from non-essential and non-urgent travels to/from other prefectures during the state of emergency.

(2) Please refrain from accepting visitors from other prefectures.

(3) If you are commuting to other prefectures, please work from home as much as possible by utilizing a teleworking system, etc. If you have any problems such as

difficulties in gaining understanding of the use of teleworking or staggered work hours at your workplace, please consult with the following division.

<<Commerce, Industry, Tourism and Labour General Affairs Division of Wakayama Prefectural Government>>

TEL: 073-441-2725, 9:00 - 17:45 on weekdays

(4) Even if you are visiting hospitals, please try to avoid visiting other prefectures as much as possible by consulting with the hospitals to reduce the frequency of direct doctor visits.

3. Requests for group living facilities

(1) All staff (including cooking staff) should wear a mask, wash and disinfect hands and fingers thoroughly. They should check their own temperature and self-monitor the health condition. If there is any abnormality, they should stop working.

(2) Please serve meals in individual plates, not in a buffet-style.

(3) Please consult with a contract doctor, etc. if one of residents or users of the facility has a fever or respiratory symptoms. If there are two or more with such symptoms within a week, report it to the health center immediately.

(4) Please do not allow visitors to enter the facility.

4. Returnees and transferees from other prefectures

(1) Those who returned to their hometown in Wakayama Prefecture or moved into the prefecture due to job transfer from other prefectures are requested to stay at home in self-isolation for two weeks and contact "COVID-19 Call Center".

→ COVID-19 Call Center (24 hours)

TEL: 073-441-2170 FAX: 073-431-1800

(2) If you know anyone who returned or transferred from other prefectures, please let them know about our requests and recommend them to contact the call center. If it is difficult for you to do so, you can contact the call center directly to share information about them.

5. School closures

(1) Prefectural schools will be closed until May 6.

(2) Municipal schools (elementary schools, junior/senior high schools, and special support schools) have been requested to be closed for the same period.