

Requests to the residents for prevention of the spread of infections

There has been a worrying trend of rising cases of COVID-19 in the Greater Tokyo area and our neighboring prefectures since the beginning of July. The number of newly confirmed cases of infection has been increasing in Wakayama Prefecture, too. Therefore, please pay careful attention to the below points. Your continued cooperation would be greatly appreciated.

- **Eating meals in a group in the Greater Tokyo area or Osaka**
- **Dining and staying together in a group until late at night**
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- **Going to a clinic if there are any symptoms**
- **Checking temperature at businesses**
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- **Guidelines to prevent the spread of infections for each business**
- **Particular attention to be paid by hospitals and welfare facility services**
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- **Further attention to be paid by close contacts even when they tested negative**
- **Active detection of suspected cases by clinics**

<Eating meals in a group in the Greater Tokyo area or Osaka>

- There have been many cases where those who went to Osaka or the Greater Tokyo area, etc. got infected on the occasion of eating meals in a group.

When you go to these areas, please implement basic preventive measures (wearing a mask, washing hands, etc.) and carefully consider the necessity of eating meals in a group.

<Dining and staying together in a group until late at night>

- There have been cases of infection among those who had dined together with their friends for a long time until late at night and stayed overnight at their friends' home.

Please refrain from such activities.



<Going to a clinic if there are any symptoms>

- There have been cases where those with symptoms such as fever went to work and spread infections to people around them. Please check your temperature before going to work or school. If you have any symptoms such as fever, you should refrain from going to work or school and visit a clinic.

<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.



<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 in the prefecture have been following the guidelines, all business sectors and operators should thoroughly comply with their guidelines and put a poster prepared by the prefectural government.

<Particular attention to be paid by hospitals and welfare facility services>

- 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.



<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.

<Active detection of suspected cases by clinics>

- As early detection is important to prevent the spread of infections of COVID-19, Wakayama Prefecture has established the system to detect those infected at clinics. Therefore, medical institutions, clinics in particular, are requested to actively work on detection of patients with suspected infection.