

Governor's Message:

State of Emergency Extended!

Be Responsible for Your Behavior!

The COVID-19 State of Emergency for Hyogo Prefecture was extended to May 31. The daily new case counts in Hyogo Prefecture still continues to exceed 300, and the seven-day moving average has been around 400. The situation surrounding medical services remains critical: over 1,500 patients are waiting at home to be hospitalized, and it is also becoming difficult to provide medical services to non-COVID-19 patients.

In order to curb further spread of infections and contain the infection surge, each Hyogo citizen is now requested to take responsible action and practice the following with a strong will of "Together We Prevent, Together We Fight against COVID-19."

Request to Hyogo citizens

1. Avoid outings

- Avoid unnecessary and non-urgent outings and travels throughout the prefecture. In particular, refrain from visiting areas outside the prefecture where a surge in infections has been observed, such as Osaka.
- Never visit eating and drinking establishments that serve alcohol, provide karaoke services, or do not follow our request to shorten business hours.
- Do not bring any alcohol to eating and drinking establishments.

2. Avoid risky behavior (especially for young people)

- Never drink alcohol in front of the shop, on the street, or in the parks after purchasing it from convenience stores, etc.
- Refrain from holding house parties with your friends.
- Be careful not to bring the virus into your home or spread the virus at home or outside.
- Thoroughly implement infection prevention measures by wearing face masks and sanitizing your hands during school club activities.

3. Reduce commuters

- Make efforts to reduce 70% of commuters and utilize telecommuting and video conferences.