

Governor's Message:

The Pre-Emergency Measures Are Now Lifted

Don't let your guard down, let's stop the resurgence!

The pre-emergency measures for Hyogo Prefecture ended on July 11.

However, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Hyogo Prefecture has not been declining as much. An increase in coronavirus variants is a great concern, and new cases are on the rise in Tokyo, Osaka, and other areas. The Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games and the summer holidays are expected to draw large crowds, and therefore, we need to remain cautious.

Although the pre-emergency measures have been lifted, we must make every effort to stop the resurgence. Do not let your guard down and take thorough infection prevention measures.

1. Avoid outings

- Avoid unnecessary and non-urgent visits to areas outside the prefecture or where a surge in infections has been observed (Tokyo, Osaka, etc.), especially during the summer holidays.
- Do not visit eating and drinking establishments after the shortened business hours. No risky behavior such as drinking alcohol on the streets or in the parks and holding house parties with your friends.

2. Infection prevention measures at eating and drinking establishments

- Please take thorough infection prevention measures, such as shortening business hours and complying with the requirements for serving alcohol. Please also apply for the certificate given to facilities that meet the infection prevention requirements.

3. Infection prevention measures at home

- Be careful not to bring the virus into your home or spread the virus at home or outside. Avoid risky behavior such as dining in groups. Please wear face masks, wash or disinfect your hands, ventilate the rooms, and manage the health of yourself and family members.

4. Vaccination

- Please utilize vaccination sites operated by municipalities or large-scale vaccination sites operated by the prefecture.
- Be sure to continue taking basic infection prevention measures, such as wearing face masks, washing your hands, and keeping a proper distance from others, even after vaccination.

5. Infection prevention measures at offices and facilities

- Please take infection prevention measures thoroughly, such as managing employees' health, urging them to wear face masks, ventilating rooms, and providing hand sanitizers.
- Please follow each industry's guidelines (e.g., requirements for holding events) and make efforts to promote telecommuting and other measures to reduce 70% of commuters.