

# Governor's Message:

## State of Emergency Extended!

### Be Responsible for Your Behavior!

The COVID-19 State of Emergency for Hyogo Prefecture is now extended to May 31. Household transmission accounts for approximately 60% of the infection routes, and we have also observed clusters of infections at facilities for elderly people and schools. We must curb the further spread of infections and contain the infection surge in order to prevent a crisis in the medical services. Each citizen is requested to take responsible action with a recognition that our region is under the State of Emergency.

#### 1. Infection prevention measures at home

- **Be careful not to bring the virus into your home.** Avoid risky behavior such as dining in groups and thoroughly implement basic infection prevention measures such as wearing face masks.
- **Be careful not to spread the virus at home.** Wash your hands when you return home, ventilate the rooms, and if a family member has a fever, prepare a private room for the person and disinfect shared spaces.
- **Be careful not to spread the virus outside.** Manage the health of yourself and family members by checking temperature daily, and seek advice from your family doctor when someone has symptoms such as fever.
- **Do not let your child go to school if any of your family members have symptoms such as fever or are undergoing a PCR test,** even if the child shows no symptoms.
- Vaccination has started for the elderly aged 65 years or over. **Vaccine will be available for everyone and given in the order of priority, so please wait until reservations for your age group are available in your municipality.**

#### 2. Infection prevention measures at social welfare facilities

- **Thoroughly implement basic infection prevention measures,** such as managing employees' health, ventilating rooms, providing hand sanitizers, and urging employees to wear face masks.
- **Do not let an employee attend work if any of their family members have symptoms such as fever or are undergoing a PCR test,** even if the employee shows no symptoms.
- **Urge employees** of facilities for the elderly or people with disabilities **to take PCR tests.**
- **If an infection is suspected in a facility (e.g., someone has a fever), immediately contact the public health center and follow their instructions.**
- **(For facility users) Do not use short-stay or daycare services if any of your family members have symptoms such as fever or are undergoing a PCR test.**