

To all citizens of Shimane Prefecture,

Despite measures taken since the end of the year, throughout Japan COVID-19 continues to spread through group dining, and this trend has also spread to Shimane Prefecture. In addition, on January 2nd the governors of Tokyo, Saitama, Chiba, and Kanagawa requested the national government to issue a state of emergency. Given these circumstances, I request the following to all citizens of Shimane Prefecture.

1. Assuming that citizens will only visit establishments that thoroughly practice infection prevention measures, I request that citizens refrain from dining with people from outside Shimane Prefecture (including non-alcohol consumption), whether you are in Shimane Prefecture or visiting another prefecture.

To all families who hosted visitors from outside Shimane Prefecture during the New Year's holidays—for two weeks after those visitors leave, please refrain from dining with anyone except for immediate family members (including non-alcohol consumption).

In addition, to all those who traveled to other prefectures during the New Year's holidays—for two weeks after returning to Shimane Prefecture, please refrain from dining with anyone except for immediate family members (including non-alcohol consumption).

Regarding the use of “food and drink establishments where staff may entertain customers,”

- ① Please refrain from visiting such establishments outside of Shimane Prefecture.
- ② In Shimane Prefecture, please refrain from visiting such establishments with visitors from outside Shimane Prefecture.

However, Tottori Prefecture, as well as areas of Hiroshima and Yamaguchi Prefectures where citizens of Shimane Prefecture usually visit for daily necessities (e.g. work, shopping, etc.) shall be treated the same as within Shimane Prefecture.

2. Please refrain from travel to Tokyo, Saitama, Chiba, and Kanagawa.

However, you do not need to refrain from travel for the purposes of work, job hunting, exams, funerals, nursing, caregiving, etc.

You are not required to cancel previously purchased tickets, etc. where a cancellation fee will be charged.

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