

May 27th Message from the Governor (Extract)

To all citizens of Shimane Prefecture,

Two days ago, the Government of Japan announced that it has lifted the state of emergency (Act on Special Measures) in every prefecture, due to emergency measures no longer being required.

As the Shimane Prefectural Government, since May 14th when the state of emergency was lifted in Shimane, we have been slowly working to relax restrictions, by considering to what extent infection prevention is compatible with the lifestyles and economic activity of our citizens. In response to the national government's decision two days ago, the Shimane Prefectural Government decided about further relaxing of restrictions at today's task force meeting.

On the other hand, there is currently no vaccine or treatment available for COVID-19, and simply because the state of emergency has been lifted nationwide, it does not mean that the risk of infection has disappeared.

Therefore, the Shimane Prefectural Government is implementing the following policies:

1. A Request to All Prefectural Citizens

The first policy is “thorough practice of basic infection prevention measures.”

As before, please continue to practice basic infection prevention measures such as:

- ① Thoroughly avoiding the “Three Cs” (confined spaces, crowded places, and close contact with people)
- ② Leaving space with people around you
- ③ Wearing a mask
- ④ Hand hygiene (washing your hands, etc.)

Next, regarding “outdoor travel”:

- ① Until May 31st, please continue to avoid traveling to other prefectures, such as for unnecessary, non-urgent trips home, for vacation, etc.
- ② From June 1st, the request for restrictions on travel between the 5 prefectures in the Chūgoku region will be lifted.
- ③ From June 15th, based on conditions in each area, restrictions on travel to other prefectures will possibly be lifted, except for Hokkaido, Saitama, Chiba, Tokyo, and Kanagawa (i.e. prefectures whose states of emergency were lifted on May 25th).
- ④ From June 19th, all restrictions on travel to any prefecture will possibly be lifted.
- ⑤ Regarding the movement of people for tourism promotion, Shimane Prefecture will first encourage tourism within the prefecture, and while observing conditions, begin to invite people from outside the prefecture.
- ⑥ Regarding places where infection clusters have occurred (such as food and drink establishments that entertain customers, karaoke rooms, live music venues, sports facilities, etc.), please strictly reduce visits to such places, EXCEPT when an

establishment sufficiently practices safety measures such as proper ventilation, sanitization, restricted admission, ensuring space between customers, etc. When visiting these places, please do not rely on the establishment's safety measures only, but also please thoroughly practice personal prevention measures such as **leaving space with people around you, wearing a mask, washing your hands, and self-isolating if you have a fever or other symptoms.**

2. Response by Prefectural Facilities

From June 1st, following plans to reopen all facilities (in principal), 8 facilities will be newly reopened, and among the 26 facilities already open, 9 of these facilities will have their area of usability increased.

3. Response by Prefectural Senior High Schools and Special Needs Schools

Since May 25th, all prefectural schools have reopened, and except for schools in Matsue City, prefectural schools have begun regular classes through simultaneous student attendance.

From June 1st next week, prefectural schools in Matsue City that are currently implementing distributed school attendance will also move to regular educational activities, such as simultaneous school attendance.

At the same time, to slowly allow the return of pre-pandemic economic activity and lifestyles of all citizens—even if only a little—we will continue to do everything in our power to respond to the current infection cluster in the prefecture, guarantee medical care, and ensure the continued operations of businesses throughout Shimane Prefecture. I ask all prefectural citizens for your understanding and cooperation.

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