

June 17th Message from the Governor

To all citizens of Shimane Prefecture,

On May 25th, 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 activities of our citizens.

Regarding requests for “self-restraint on travel,”

From June 19th, travel restrictions to all prefectures will be lifted, including Hokkaido, Saitama, Chiba, Tokyo, and Kanagawa (i.e. the five prefectures where the state of emergency was lifted on May 25th).

When traveling to other prefectures, please check the latest news published by that prefecture, and thoroughly practice infection prevention measures.

Regarding the movement of people for tourism promotion, from June 19th Shimane Prefecture will begin to gradually invite people from outside the prefecture.

On the other hand, there is currently no vaccine or treatment available for COVID-19, and the risk of infection has not disappeared. Therefore, we continue to ask all citizens to “thoroughly practice 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.)

In addition, please strictly reduce visits to places where infection clusters have occurred, such as food and drink establishments that entertain customers, karaoke rooms, live music venues, sports facilities, etc., EXCEPT when the 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.

In order to protect the lives and lifestyles of all citizens, as well as businesses in the prefecture, we will continue to do everything in our power to prevent the spread of infection, strengthen medical systems, and revive the local economy, while closely coordinating with the Government of Japan and other prefectural and municipal governments. I ask all citizens for your understanding and cooperation.

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