

A Request from Shimane Prefecture

(About Returning Home)

To all citizens and those planning on returning to Shimane Prefecture—with some additions and modifications to the requests that I made on August 3rd, I kindly request the following five points:

- ① Some people may be worried about infection from family or friends returning to Shimane Prefecture. If you are planning a visit, please once again discuss your plans with family.
- ② Please refrain from visiting Shimane Prefecture if you have symptoms such as a fever, or if you have visited an area with a high risk of infection within the past two weeks.
- ③ If staying at a family member's house with other people, please thoroughly practice infection prevention measures (e.g. thoroughly avoiding the “Three Cs,” wearing a mask, washing your hands, practicing cough etiquette, social distancing, etc.).
- ④ If it is difficult to thoroughly practice infection prevention measures when staying at a family member's house, please consider staying at a hotel or other lodging instead.
- ⑤ Please refrain from “dining in large groups of people accompanied with alcohol consumption,” which has a high risk of infection.

It pains me to make such requests, but from the perspective of infection prevention, I ask everyone to take care by following the above precautions.

I know that there will be people returning to Shimane from other prefectures who will thoroughly follow my above requests. I once again ask that residents show consideration for those people returning home to Shimane and for their families.

(About the Use of Food and Drink Establishments)

Regarding the use of food and drink establishments (not limited to those returning home), we are approaching the busy season, and so I once again ask for your cooperation.

On the premise that food and drink establishments thoroughly implement infection prevention measures, and that citizens choose to visit these establishments, I request the following two points:

- ① When visiting other prefectures, please refrain from “visiting food and drink establishments that entertain customers,” and “visiting establishments with people from outside Shimane Prefecture when accompanied by alcohol consumption.”
- ② When in Shimane Prefecture as well, please refrain from “visiting food and drink establishments that entertain customers” and “visiting establishments when accompanied by alcohol consumption” when you are with people from outside Shimane Prefecture.

However, among neighboring prefectures, regions which are connected to the daily lives of citizens (for work, shopping, etc.) shall be treated the same as regions within Shimane Prefecture.

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