

A Request from Shimane Prefecture About the Upcoming Long Holiday

Before the upcoming “Golden Week” holiday, I would like to make a request from the prefectural government to all citizens. At this stage, some of you may have family members or relatives outside of Shimane who are considering returning home or traveling to Shimane. Therefore, I request the following to all citizens.

1. Please tell family members or relatives from Miyagi Prefecture, Tokyo Metropolitan Area, Kyoto Prefecture, Osaka Prefecture, Hyogo Prefecture, and Okinawa Prefecture (i.e. areas with “priority measures to prevent the spread of infections”) who are considering returning home or traveling to Shimane to refrain from doing so.

In addition, please refrain from returning home or traveling to the areas mentioned above.

2. Please discuss with family and carefully reconsider accepting visitors from Sapporo City (Hokkaido), Yamagata City (Yamagata), Saitama Prefecture, Chiba Prefecture, Kanagawa Prefecture, Aichi Prefecture, Kagawa Prefecture, Matsuyama City (Ehime), etc. (i.e. areas where prefectural governments are requesting that citizens refrain from non-essential, non-urgent outdoor travel).

In addition, please carefully reconsider returning home or traveling to the areas mentioned above.

In either case, please do not travel if you have symptoms such as a fever, etc.

3. Regarding the requests above, you may travel if you must do so for work, job relocation, job hunting, funerals, nursing care, etc., except for when you have symptoms such as a fever.
4. We predict that some family members and relatives of prefectural citizens will visit Shimane for various reasons. Therefore, for two weeks before coming to Shimane, we ask such visitors to thoroughly practice “basic infection prevention measures” (such as avoiding the “Three Cs,” social distancing, wearing a mask, and washing one’s hands), as well as be careful of the “5 situations” where the risk of infection

increases: social gatherings involving alcohol consumption, dining out with large numbers of people or for a long period of time, having conversations without wearing a mask, living with others in a confined space, and switching locations.

I also ask visitors to continue paying attention to the “5 situations” and “basic infection prevention measures” if they will be staying at the home of family members or relatives during their time in Shimane. If it will be difficult to thoroughly ensure basic infection measures, then I ask visitors to consider staying at a nearby hotel or *ryokan* (inn) instead.

I kindly ask all citizens for your continued cooperation in preventing the spread of infections.

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