

To all citizens of Shimane Prefecture,

Due to an increase of COVID-19 infections in western Tottori Prefecture, the Tottori Prefectural Government has requested food and drink establishments in areas of Yonago City to reduce their business hours from July 21st until August 3rd. Therefore, I request the following to all citizens, in addition to previous applicable requests.

These new requests shall be applicable until August 22nd 2021.

(Regarding Travel Between Prefectures)

1. Please carefully reconsider travel plans to and from western Tottori Prefecture, where the Tottori Prefectural Government is requesting that citizens refrain from non-essential, non-urgent outdoor travel.

Except if you have symptoms such as a fever, you do not need to refrain from travel if the purpose includes work (including travel to work), job relocation, job hunting, funerals, nursing care, etc.

(Regarding the Use of Food and Drink Establishments)

2. Until now, Tottori residents were treated the same as Shimane residents under the request to “refrain from dining with non-residents of Shimane Prefecture.” However, given the new measures to reduce business hours at food and drink establishments in Tottori Prefecture, the request to “refrain from dining with non-residents” shall now apply to Tottori residents as well. This request shall be applicable from July 21st until August 3rd.

The Shimane Prefectural Government recognizes the inconvenience that these requests may cause to citizens of Shimane Prefecture. However, given the state of increasing infections in neighboring Tottori Prefecture, which is frequently visited by citizens of Shimane, we determined that a careful response was necessary. We kindly ask all citizens for your continued understanding and cooperation.

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