

To all citizens of Shimane Prefecture,

In August, there were 629 cases of COVID-19 in Shimane Prefecture, and in September there were 251 cases.

In October, as of today (14<sup>th</sup>) there are currently 19 cases. Assuming that the current pace continues, there are predicted to only be approximately 45 cases this month.

The state of infections is improving not only in Shimane Prefecture, but across Japan. Therefore, the Shimane Prefectural Government is changing the following two requests as outlined in the “Shimane Prefectural Government Response.”

(Regarding the use of food and drink establishments)

1. Although we have requested until now that citizens dine in groups of 8 people or fewer, we have changed the limit to 12 people or fewer.
2. We are increasing the time limit on group dining to 3 hours from the previous 2 hours. This time limit refers to the total time spent at multiple establishments.

If COVID-19 cases begin increasing, and cases begin frequently occurring at food and drink establishments, then we will promptly reconsider these changes.

These requests shall be applicable from October 15<sup>th</sup> for the foreseeable future.

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