

Message from the Governor

(How to prevent the further spreading of the novel coronavirus)

I would like to express my gratitude for everyone helping to keep the spread of the novel coronavirus in control.

Unfortunately, over the past month the country, as well as Ehime, has experienced its largest number of recorded cases. Ehime has had more than 20 cases in a single day. It is of utmost importance that we take precautions to not let the virus continue to grow. Due to the drop in temperature and drier air, it has become easier for people to get sick. In order to stop the spread of the virus we must take a more proactive approach than we have been. As such, as of 11/20, the prefecture will be moving back from the “Infection Reduction Period” to the “Infection Alert Period.”

Going forward, I would like to request that everyone raise their levels of awareness towards protecting themselves, and be more thorough in the steps they take to prevent infection.

Precautions at Home

As there have been an increasing number of infections within households, I would like to request everyone be careful of the following items. If there are any elderly residents or individuals that are immunocompromised, these points should be especially followed.

- Even within the home, family members should disinfect their hands and continue practicing preventative measures.
- Make sure to ventilate and humidify your rooms.
- Do not share eating utensils or towels, and continue to be aware of the risk of infection within your own home.

Precautions when Eating Out

End of year and New Year’s parties are common during this season. While currently there are no capacity limits in place, be mindful of the following.

- Avoid crowded gatherings and make sure rooms are ventilated.
- Avoid meeting with people residing far away or those you don’t see often.
- Be careful of your health, and if you are showing signs of a fever or coughing consider not attending even cancelling the day of.