

The Governors Requests to Residents Concerning the Novel Coronavirus

As of 5/4, the declaration of emergency put in place by the national government for the novel coronavirus was extended to 5/31.

Thanks to the measures put in place within the prefecture, there have been no new observed cases of the virus within Ehime after 5/3.

Within Ehime three warning levels have been implemented concerning the infection of the virus in order to properly balance preventing the spread of infection and maintaining economic stability in the prefecture. The three classifications are the “Infection Reduction Period”, “Infection Alert Period” and the “Infection Control Period”.

As of 5/11, Ehime prefecture will be moving from the “Infection Control Period” to the “Infection Alert Period”. The strict limits on the activity of citizens and businesses will be partially lifted, but special precaution and measures will still be in place to prevent the further spread of the virus.

【Request to Citizens Post 5/11】

○The Travel of Prefectural Citizens

Going forward, we will continue to strongly request all residents refrain from traveling between prefectures, especially those that have been strongly affected by the virus (prefectures specified by the national government as areas of extreme precaution). However, limits on travel within the prefecture will be lessened.

Furthermore, we will **continue to abide by the policy set forth nationally to request residents to refrain from outings to restaurants and other facilities in downtown areas where avoiding the “Three Cs” (closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact settings) is not possible.**

Taking note of the above, **we hope that you will take to heart the following “Measures to Prevent the Spread of Infection”.**

【Measures to Prevent the Spread of Infection】

◇ 「Protect Yourself from Infection ! 」

Regularly wash your hands and ventilate your rooms, eat healthy and rest to maintain your health, etc.

◇ 「Be Mindful to not Infect Others!」

Rest at home if you are feeling under the weather, avoid close contact and maintain a suitable distance when interacting with others, etc.

◇ Avoid Leaving the Prefecture and the “Three Cs”

Refrain from traveling across prefectures, locations where you cannot avoid the “Three Cs”, etc.

Especially avoid prefectures where the virus has widely spread as well as downtown restaurant facilities.

【Conclusion】

In order to maintain a proper balance of preventing the spread of the disease and maintaining economic stability it is of utmost importance that businesses offering services and the residents using those services cooperate. If either party fails to do so maintaining our situation will not be possible.

We are currently still in a time where strong precaution is necessary. As such, prefectural residents should continue to adhere to “measures to prevent the spread of infection” and to “refrain from travel outside the prefecture and avoiding the Three Cs”. In regards to going to restaurants, plays, theaters and sports facilities, please take care to “protect oneself” and “be mindful of others” when using the facilities.