

A Request from the Governor Concerning the Novel Coronavirus (Summary)

Thank you for your understanding and assistance in helping fight the novel coronavirus. Since the relaxing of travel restrictions within the country, the spread of the coronavirus has grown in major cities such as Tokyo, and in July the number of reported cases has been growing nationally.

Unfortunately, from 7/19 to 7/31, there have been 4 new cases of the virus being found in Ehime, in which it has been confirmed to have spread to 7 people.

1. CAUTION DURING SUMMER AND OBON BREAK

With cases increasing nationally and summer and Obon break coming up as we enter August, there may be an increase in cases of the virus due to increased travel between prefectures by tourists, family visitors and individuals going on vacation. As such, I would like the people of Ehime to be aware of the following 3 points:

(1) FAMILY VISITORS SHOULD BE WARY WHEN VISITING HOME FROM A HEAVILY AFFECTED AREA

- Please be especially wary if you have any elderly and immunocompromised family members who have an increased risk of severe symptoms
 - If possible, please refrain from returning to Ehime from a heavily infected area.
 - Please consult your family on how to avoid risk of infection.
 - If you do return, please be mindful of your health and make sure to avoid people if you notice a slight fever or cough.
 - Do not hesitate to contact a consultation center,
 - Etc.
- Individuals on business trips or vacation should also be similarly mindful.
 - Vacations and business trips to heavily affected areas should not be taken lightly, and the option of online conferences or other communication methods should be considered.

(2) MEETING WITH ACQUAINTANCES FROM OUTSIDE THE PREFECTURE

- Avoid reunion parties with large gatherings or places like karaoke where it is easy for air particles to accumulate and travel.
 - Cancel any current plans for large gatherings (or delay plans).
- If the event is not cancelled or delayed, check the health of the individuals participating.
 - Individuals with symptoms should not attend.
 - Confirm whether participants have any symptoms.

- When dining together make sure to avoid facing each other and talking loudly.
- Etc.

(3) AVOID AREAS WHERE IT IS DIFFICULT TO AVOID THE 3Cs (CLOSED SPACES, CROWDED PLACES, CLOSE-CONTACT) WHEN TRAVELING

- Try going on trips within or in the areas surrounding Ehime. Don't forget to still take precautions.
 - Periodically disinfect your hands.
 - Wear a mask.
 - Adhere to social distancing guidelines.
 - Avoid areas with poor circulation.
 - Etc.
- Individuals out on business trips or otherwise should make sure to avoid nightlife shops (cabaret clubs, girls bars, host clubs, etc.).

2. GOING OUT TO DINE

There have been numerous confirmed cases of cluster contaminations during drinking parties or other dining gatherings.

The national government has recommended the following ways to protect yourself when dining outside:

- Avoid places where the 3Cs (closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact) are hard to avoid.
- Avoid eating and drinking in large groups.
- Use restaurants that are taking measures to avoid contamination.
- Refrain from activities that result in shouting (speaking loudly at a restaurant, karaoke, cheering while watching sports, etc.)
- Make sure to wear a mask, wash your hands, disinfect your belongings, aerate your surroundings.
- Sign up with COCOA (Covid-19 Contact-Confirming Application)

Going forward, Ehime promises to put in its best efforts to quickly provide accurate information so that residents can properly face, be scared of, and take action safely towards the novel coronavirus.

How to Prevent the Spread of Infection!

- 1 Protect yourself from contamination!
- 2 Make sure to not spread the virus to others!
- 3 Make avoiding the 3Cs (closed spaces, crowded places, close-contact) a habit!