

Stronger COVID-19 Measures in Kyoto

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Kyoto Prefectural Government

Requests to universities

(Requests based on Article 24 Clause 9)

- Actively utilize online classes at universities, etc. to reduce the number of students coming to class at one time to 50% or less.
- Be sure to comply with university guidelines. In particular, take infection prevention measures such as introducing a permit system for students' club activities, canceling or postponing trip plans to other prefectures for competitions/ games. If such a trip cannot be cancelled or postponed, conduct PCR testing in advance and confirm that the results are "negative" before going ahead.
- Cooperate with the COVID-19 monitoring tests, etc. at universities in the prefecture, which are being carried out by Kyoto Prefecture in cooperation with the national government.
- Refrain from dining with people before and after university classes and extracurricular activities.
(Comply with "Kyoto Manners")
- Thoroughly implement infection prevention measures at student dormitories.
- Alert students not to conduct the following:
 - No visiting restaurants or bars outside of their requested business hours
 - No partying with university club members
 - No gathering with a large group or no staying overnight at a friend's apartment
 - No talking without a mask even during a meal.

Requests to junior and senior high schools

- Based on the actual situation of each school regarding commuting to school, take infection prevention measures such as staggering commuting hours to school to avoid congestion time of public transportation, or shortening each time for class to avoid a crowded situation right after school.
- Infection prevention measures regarding club activities in junior and senior high schools, including these activities being conducted only by students of each school, inside school premises, within 2 hours, and an accommodation ban, should be thoroughly implemented.
- Regarding participation in official competitions and presentations where sufficient infection prevention measures are taken, confirm with an organizer in advance that the infection prevention measures are being taken.

Stronger measures against the COVID-19 in Kyoto

I. Area that the measures must be carried out : Kyoto Prefecture

II. Duration: From 12th April to 5th May, 2021

III. Contents:

1. Refrain from outings (All over Kyoto Prefecture)
2. Restrictions on events (All over Kyoto Prefecture)
3. Restrictions on facility usage (within Kyoto City)
4. Restrictions on facility usage (outside of Kyoto City)
5. Commuting to work (All over Kyoto Prefecture)

1 Refrain from outings (All over Kyoto Prefecture)

(Request based on Article 31-6 Clause 2 and Article 24 Clause 9 of the Special Measures Law)

- Please don't visit restaurants outside of the requested business hours for these establishments.

(Request based on Article 24 Clause 9 of the Special Measures Law)

- Refrain from non-essential and non-urgent outings during the day and avoid crowded places and times.
- Refrain from non-essential and non-urgent travelling into areas out of Kyoto Prefecture.
- Refrain from visiting areas where the infection risk is high (places such as restaurants, bars, and Karaoke venues that fail to carry out thorough infection prevention measures based on the guidelines by industry)

2 Restrictions on events (All over Kyoto Prefecture)

Request to comply with the following criteria for event organizers and facility management

(Article 24 Clause 9 of the Special Measures Law)

【Upper limit of the number of people】 5,000 people or less

【Capacity rates】

Cases with no loud cheering: 100% or less

Cases with loud cheering: 50% or less *

* Allow for vacant seats between groups, if a group of people is less than 5, then there is no need to leave spaces (in that case it may exceed the capacity rate of 50%)

Upper limit for the number of people in attendance should either be 5,000 or less, or below the above stated capacity rates, whichever is smaller.

• Prior consultation

If an event involves nationwide movements of people, or more than 1,000 participants, an event organizer must consult with the Kyoto Prefectural Consultation Office in advance.

3 Restrictions on facility usage (Within Kyoto City)

(1) Requests based upon the Special Measures Law

Targeted facilities	【Restaurants】 Restaurants (Including Izakaya), cafés, etc., (Excluding delivery and takeout services) 【Recreational facilities】 Bars, Karaoke boxes, etc. outlets that have received a restaurant business license under the Food Sanitation Law
Request details	(Based on Article 31-6, Clause 1 of the Special Measures Law) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request a shortening of business hours (5:00-20:00). However, liquor is to be served from 11:00 to 19:00• Encouraging check-ups for employees• Arrangements and guidance to prevent the infection of visitors• Denying entry to visitors with a fever or other symptoms• Installation of equipment for hand disinfecting• Disinfecting of the workplace• Providing information on infection preventions measures, such as wearing a mask, to visitors• Prohibit entry of visitors not following prevention measures, for example not wearing a mask, without a valid reason• Proper ventilation of the facility• Preventing droplet infections through the installation of acrylic partitions, ensuring social distancing, etc. (Based on Article 24, Clause 9 of the Special Measures Law) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Installation of CO2 sensors• Thorough compliance with industry guidelines• Refrain from using karaoke facilities (outlets that mainly serve food and drink but also offer Karaoke services)

Grant for outlets that follow the request for shortening their business hours

Grant	The payment amount will be per outlet, per day, in response to shortened working hours, and will be calculated according to business scale (sales) (excluding regular holidays)
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※ For the duration of the period, Kyoto Prefecture and Kyoto City will cooperate to provide individual confirmation guidance to restaurants, etc.

(2) Facilities to which the Special Measures Law does not apply

For facilities such as theatres, assembly halls, sports facilities, and amusement parks, with regards to Article 11 of the Special Measures Law Enforcement Ordinance, we will work to shorten business hours to 20:00 (with the serving alcoholic beverages taking place from 11:00 to 19:00) regardless of the Special Measures Law.

Targeted facilities	Contents
Sports facilities, amusement parks	Request for cooperation on the following points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shortening of business hours (05:00-20:00) However, alcohol to be served during 11:00-19:00 ▪ The maximum number of attendees should be 5,000, and this should not exceed 50% of maximum capacity (when no loud cheering will take place: 100% capacity) ▪ Arrangements and guidance of visitors
Theatres, viewing halls, movie theatres, etc.	
Assembly halls or public halls, exhibition halls	
Museums, libraries, etc.	
Hotels or Inns (Limited to sections used for meetings)	
Amusement facilities※	Request for cooperation on the following points <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shortening of business hours (05:00-20:00) However, alcohol to be served during 11:00-19:00 ▪ Arrangements and guidance of visitors
Stores that sell goods (over 1,000 m ²) (excluding those selling daily necessities)	
Stores operating a service industry (over 1,000 m ²) (excluding those offering daily necessities services)	

※Entertainment facilities and establishments that have received a restaurant business license under the Food Sanitation Law are subject to requests based on the Special Measures Law. Facilities that are expected to be used for accommodation purposes, such as Internet cafes and manga cafes, are not subject to these requests. These facilities are requested to comply with industry-specific guidelines (Special Measures Law, Article 24, Clause 9)

4 Restrictions on facility usage (Outside of Kyoto City)

(1) Requests based upon the Special Measures Law

Only 15 municipalities in the Yamashiro and Otokuni areas are requested to shorten business hours.

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Request details	(Based on Article 24, Paragraph 9 of the Special Measures Law) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Request a shortening of business hours (5:00-21:00). However, liquor is to be served from 11:00 to 20:30• Encouraging check-ups for employees• Arrangements and guidance to prevent the infection of visitors• Denying entry to visitors with a fever or other symptoms• Installation of equipment for hand disinfecting• Disinfecting of the workplace• Providing information on infection prevention measures, such as wearing a mask, to visitors• Prohibit entry of visitors not following prevention measures, for example not wearing a mask, without a valid reason• Proper ventilation of the facility• Preventing droplet infections through the installation of acrylic partitions, ensuring social distancing, etc.• Installation of CO2 sensors• Thorough compliance with industry guidelines• Refrain from using karaoke facilities (Outlets that mainly serve food and drink but also offer Karaoke services)

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Grant for outlets that follow the request for shortening their business hours

Grant	40,000 yen per outlet per day (excluding regular holidays) in response to requests for shortening working hours
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5 Commuting to work (All over Kyoto Prefecture)

We request business operators to thoroughly implement teleworking (Article 24, Clause 9 of the Special Measures Law)

- With the goal of "reducing the number of employees in the workplace by 70%", teleworking should be promoted, alongside initiatives such as work rotations, and staggered working hours for places where attendance is required.