

## **Future approach for countermeasures given to the situation of progressing to the warning level**

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Kyoto Prefecture Task Force for  
Novel Coronavirus Infection Countermeasures

Since June 25<sup>th</sup> within Kyoto Prefecture, cases of new coronavirus infections have constantly been occurring, and just yesterday 12 new infections were confirmed resulting in a standard warning level. The efforts that Kyoto Prefecture will be undertaking henceforth in dealing with the spread of the Novel coronavirus are as follows:

### **1. A call towards citizens and businesses**

#### **1) Implementation of the “New normal lifestyle”**

We are making a call to all citizens and businesses for a thorough implementation of the standards that are part of the “New normal lifestyle.” These are broadly categorised by the three following points: (1) maintaining social distances, (2) wearing a mask, and (3) washing your hands, alongside avoiding areas which exhibit the 3 Cs, closed spaces, crowded spaces, and close contact settings.

#### **2) Prevention of infection in dining scenarios**

Infections that occur at restaurants have been spreading nationwide, particularly in Tokyo, and even within our own Prefecture, they account for approximately 60% of infections routes that have occurred since mid-June. In addition to this, approximately 55% of these new cases are people who are in their 20s or younger. Combining these figures with those who are in their 30s or younger, they make up approximately 75% of the newly occurring infections. Particularly with regards to younger people, we are calling for attention to take caution at drinking opportunities such as drinking parties with friends, partying, etc. In addition to this, we are also calling on restaurants to thoroughly implement infection control measures based on industry-specific guidelines, and to utilize the subsidy system for supporting small and medium-sized enterprises in Kyoto Prefecture.

#### **3) Thorough infection prevention measures for a large scale of event**

From July 10<sup>th</sup> onwards, the maximum number of attendees for events was

adjusted, and Kyoto Prefecture calls for cooperation with regards to prevention guidelines for facility managers and event organizers.

- Ensuring all the prevention measures are in place thoroughly, such as checking body temperatures, wearing a mask, and leave their contact information
- Prior consent with Kyoto Prefecture is required should you wish to organize an event involving more than 1,000 people and their travelling.

#### **4) Adoption of contact-tracing Apps for preventing the spread of infection**

We are calling for the adoption of contact-tracing apps to identify people who have come into close proximity with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, either the COCOA app introduced by the central government or KOCOTORO by Kyoto Prefecture.

## **2. Further measurement steps**

### **1) Cluster prevention based on active epidemiology research**

While taking a PCR test for people who have come into close with someone who has tested positive, as well as running health screening, in the case of infections at a facility, experts are sent to the location to assess the situation and attempt to stop the spread of the infection.

### **2) Promotion of coronavirus tests using saliva**

Specimen collection and saliva testing will be enforced. Saliva testing will be conducted by family doctors at approximately 140 medical clinics, starting from July 20<sup>th</sup> so that people who are experiencing a fever will be able to receive the necessary testing at a nearby location.

### **3) Strengthening of the infection control measures for those who are more likely to develop severe symptoms**

Kyoto Prefecture will request about 200 social welfare facilities in the Prefecture to install simple negative pressure devices and take thorough infection prevention measures, including carrying out staff trainings and the distribution of the DVDs that feature infection prevention measures.

### **4) Measures to comply with the guidelines in cooperation with economic organizations**

Kyoto Prefecture, together with Kyoto City and various economic organizations listed below, will establish the Kyoto Conference to promote compliance with the

guidelines for business operators to comply the guidelines to prevent the spread of the Novel coronavirus infection:

Kyoto Prefecture, Kyoto City, Kyoto Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Kyoto Employers' Association, Kyoto Association of Corporate Executives, Kyoto Industrial Association, Kyoto Prefecture Federation of Small Business Associations, Kyoto Prefectural Federation of Societies of Commerce and Industry, Kyoto Tourism Federation, Kyoto City Tourism Association