

Upcoming measures to curb a resurgence of COVID-19

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Kyoto Prefectural Government

Requests to prefectural citizens and businesses to curb a resurgence of infections

- Status of infections in the prefecture (as of July 7th)
 - The number of newly infected people from July 1st to July 7th is 16.29 people / day, and 4.41 in every 100,000 people.
 - By age group, the number of infected in their 20s and under increased to 48.6%. However, the number of elderly people is decreasing (over the last 2 weeks: 6/23 –7/6)
 - By infection route, family members living together accounted for the largest percentage at 42.1%, followed by infections at work (over the last 2 weeks: 6/23 - 7/6)
 - Regarding clusters, infections at business establishments and workplaces, and by dining with large groups are the largest cause.
- As we approach the summer period, we need to be vigilant following increased contact chances, and understand the possibility for infection is at its highest. In order to curb a resurgence of infections, we request the citizens of the prefecture and businesses to abide by the following.

1 Request based on Article 24, Paragraph 9 of the Special Measures Law

(1) Refrain from travel

- Avoid cross-prefecture travel such as non-essential and non-urgent visits home. In particular, refrain from non-essential and non-urgent travel to and from areas where emergency measures and stronger measures are being implemented, and to areas where infections are spreading.

(2) Request to restaurants and the similar to shorten business hours

① Targeted areas · Period

- Kyoto City July 12th midnight until August 1st, midnight 2021
- Outside Kyoto City July 12th midnight until July 25th, midnight 2021

② Details:

We request restaurants and entertainment facilities that have received a restaurant business license under the Food Sanitation Law to shorten their business hours until 9 pm (alcoholic beverages to be served from 11:00 to 20:30.

Targeted facilities	Request details
【Restaurants】 Restaurants (including izakayas), coffee shops, etc. (excluding home delivery and take-out services) [Amusement facilities*] Stores that have entertainment business licenses, etc. under the Food Sanitation Law	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Shorten business hours (5am~9pm) However, alcohol should only be served from 11am to 8:30pm (Only when the "specific requirements" for providing alcoholic beverages are met.)
(Measures to be observed during business operations) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Recommend employees to undertake health checks ▪ Regulate the coming and going of visitors ▪ Prohibit the entrance of those who do not follow infection prevention measures (including the ejection of those who have already entered) ▪ Installation and regular disinfection of hand disinfection equipment, carry out ventilation of the facility ▪ Inform visitors about wearing masks and other infection control measures ▪ Take measures to prevent droplet infections, such as the installation of acrylic partitions or securing an appropriate distances between individuals ▪ Refrain from using karaoke equipment ▪ Installation of CO2 sensors ▪ Compliance with industry guidelines 	
("Specific requirements" that restaurants must meet in order to serve alcoholic beverages) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Installation of acrylic partitions, etc. (Securing appropriate spacing between seats) ▪ Thorough hand sanitizing ▪ Recommended individuals to wear a mask except when eating ▪ Thorough ventilation ▪ As a general rule, up to 4 people can enter the same group 	

* Facilities such as Internet cafes and manga cafes that are expected to be used for overnight stays are exempt and can stay open. Although they are not subject to the time reduction request regarding business hours, they are still subject to the time reduction request for the provision of alcoholic beverages.

(3) Organizing event

We request event organizers and other related individuals to hold events in accordance with the following requirements:

① Targeted period : From July 12th to August 11th, 2021

② Targeted area : Entire prefecture

③ Maximum number of participants / capacity rates :

The largest figure between 5,000 people or within 50% of the maximum capacity of the venue

(must be less than 10,000 people total)

※100% capacity allowed on the condition that there will be no loud cheering for events

④ Event holding time : until 9 pm (not based on the Special Measures Law)

⑤ Prior consultation :

If you plan to hold an event that involves the nationwide participation of individuals, an event with more than 1,000 participants, or if you need to extend the opening hours beyond the requested time, you must consult with the Kyoto Prefectural Office in advance.

2 Encouraging facilities other than restaurants or bars to shorten their business hours

① Targeted area ・ Period

The entirety of Kyoto City

From midnight July 12th, 2021 until midnight August 1st, 2021

② Targeted facilities ・ Details

For the following facilities, although not requested by law we instead encourage your cooperation with regards to the shortening of business hours until 9 pm. (regardless of facility size)

(Commercial facilities)

Type of facilities	Facility examples	Details
Commercial facilities	Large-scale retail stores, department stores, shopping centers, supermarkets, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shortening of business hours to 5am - 9pm (Excluding retail-related stores which supply daily necessities and stores that provide services necessary for daily life)
Game facilities	Mahjong parlors, pachinko parlors, game centers, etc.	
Amusement facilities*	Private room video stores, shooting ranges, horse race betting offices,	
Service industry	Super public bath houses, nail salons, beauty salons, relaxation salons, etc.	

*Amusement facilities that have received a restaurant business license under the Food Sanitation Law are subject to requests based on Article 24, Paragraph 9 of the Special Measures Law.

(Event related facilities)

Type of facilities	Facility examples	Details
Theaters, movie theaters, etc.	Theaters, viewing halls, movie theaters, planetariums, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Shortening of business hours until 9pm Compliance with maximum number of participants, etc. for events that are being held
Meeting / exhibition facility	Assembly halls, public halls, exhibition halls, rental conference rooms, cultural halls, multipurpose halls	
Hotels / inns	Hotels and inns (limited to the parts of these facilities that are used for meetings)	<p>The largest figures between 5000 people or within 50% of the maximum capacity of the venue, which is less than 10,000 people in total</p> <p>(*100% capacity allowed on the condition that there is no loud cheering for events)</p>
Sports facilities, amusement facilities	Gymnasium, skating rinks, swimming pools, indoor tennis courts, Kendo halls, bowling alleys, sports gyms, hot yoga facilities, yoga studios, baseball fields, golf courses, athletics fields, outdoor tennis courts, golf driving ranges, batting practice facilities, theme parks, amusement parks, etc.	
Museums, etc.	Museums, art galleries, etc.	
Wedding halls	Wedding halls	

- The above facilities that offer eating and drinking are subject to follow the request of shortening business hours and meet the “specific requirements” when serving alcohol (Special Measures Law Article 24 Paragraph 9)
- For operation, please comply with the industry guideline and conduct entry arrangements to prevent the infection. Be sure not to allow the admission of anyone who has symptoms such as a fever or similar.

3 Commuting to work

- Aim to “reduce the number of employees at the workplace by 70%” by implementing teleworking, or by promoting rotated working hours, staggered commuting or cycling to work.
- If a type of work doesn't allow the above options, please avoid the chances of crowding by implementing such as scattering holidays or taking annual leaves.