

To prevent the spread of infection

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Kyoto Prefecture

The number of new positive cases and the hospital bed occupancy rate for COVID-19 are currently on the decline, and the priority measures infection prevention will be ending on March 21st. However, this does not mean that the COVID-19 pandemic has come to an end.

Kyoto Prefecture will do its utmost to prevent the spread of infections by ensuring the proper functioning of the health care system, setting up prefectural vaccination centers to promote vaccinations and providing support to municipalities, supporting infection prevention measures currently being implemented by schools, day-care centers, and facilities for the elderly, and making PCR testing, etc. free of charge.

We ask all residents and businesses to actively vaccinate those who wish to receive the vaccine. Further, we ask that you keep **these three points** in mind throughout your daily life: "Avoid getting infected yourself," "Avoid infecting others," and "Avoid spreading the infection," and we ask that you take measures to prevent the spread of infection during the change of the fiscal year and holiday seasons.

I Promotion of vaccinations

Those who wish to be vaccinated should actively do so!

- For those who wish to receive a COVID-19 vaccination, which is proven prevent the onset and severity of illness, are urged to do so.
- Vaccinations for children aged 5-11 should be done for those who are willing.
- Arrangements should be made at schools, workplaces, etc. that allow for individuals to easily get a vaccination.

(Efforts by Kyoto Prefecture)

- Establishment of vaccination sites
 - Kyoto Tower building - Extended evening vaccination hours from March 28 to make it easier to get inoculated on the way home from work (weekdays, Sat.).
 - Tanabe Chuo Hospital (Sat., Sun.)
 - Ayabe Renaiss Hospital (Wednesdays and Saturdays)
- Support for municipal vaccination programs

II Three points to prevent infection

In order to prevent a resurgence of infections, we must be aware of the following three actions in our daily lives: "Avoid get infected yourself", "Avoid infecting others", and "Avoid spreading the infection".

1 Avoid getting infected yourself

- Wear an appropriate mask, wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizers when you are out and about, and please ventilate the air.
- Please keep social distancing and refrain from loud conversations
- When traveling, returning home, job searching, going to school, etc., and in places where many people gather, it is important to be aware of crowded conditions. Please be careful and take actions to avoid the risk of infection, such as practicing basic infection control measures.

2 Avoid infecting others

- Please monitor your health condition by taking your temperature every morning, etc., and consult a medical institution if you have any symptoms such as fever or cough.
- Elderly people, people with underlying medical conditions, and those who have daily contact with these individuals should take special precautions, such as refraining from going out to situations or places with a high risk of infection.
- If an employee is elderly or has an underlying medical condition, or lives with someone who has such a condition, please make working arrangements such as telecommuting or staggered work hours based on the employee's request.
- According to the Special Measures Law, Article 24, Paragraph 9 asymptomatic people who are concerned about whether they're infected or not should be tested (until the end of April).

(Efforts by Kyoto Prefecture)

- Number of free inspection offices (as of March 16th, 2022): 169 offices (14 cities and 6 towns)

3 Avoid spreading the infection

(1) Preventing spread of infection at workplaces, etc.

- Work from home (teleworking), staggered work hours, bicycle commuting, etc., to reduce human contact.
- Employees should be instructed not to work if they have symptoms such as fever or cough, etc., and to consult a medical institution.
- Re-examine infection control measures in the workplace, especially when changing locations at the workplace (cafeteria, break rooms, changing rooms, smoking areas, etc.).
- Please take appropriate measures to comply with the industry-specific guidelines as requested by Article 24, Paragraph 9 of the Special Measures Law.

(Efforts by Kyoto Prefecture)

- Publication of a guidebook on proper ventilation measures

(2) Preventing infections in schools, day-care, etc.

- Please follow the rules for infection control including during commuting established by schools, day-care centers, etc.
- Please monitor your child's physical condition, including temperature checks each morning, and refrain from attending school or preschool if your child has symptoms such as a fever or cough.
- Please remind students to refrain from activities with a high risk of infection during school vacations such as spring break.

(Efforts by Kyoto Prefecture)

- Supporting infection prevention measures at each school
(E.g.) Disinfection practices, installation of transparent dividers, circulators, CO2 sensors, and automatic faucets in hand-washing stations
(Target) Prefectural schools, private elementary, junior high and high schools
- Support for infection prevention measures at day-care centers, etc.
(E.g.) Conduct testing to confirm no positive cases, implement frequent disinfection of playground equipment, etc., and change masks and gloves frequently
(Target) Day-care centers, certified kindergartens, kindergartens, community-based day-care facilities, unlicensed day-care facilities, after-school children's clubs

(3) To prevent the spread of the disease in medical institutions, elderly care facilities, etc.

- To prevent the infections in medical facilities, elderly care facilities, etc., please follow the infection control rules set by each facility during visits, etc.
- Please carry out testing of workers and others related individuals to prevent the spread of infection in elderly care facilities.

(Efforts by Kyoto Prefecture)

- Developing a medical system tailored to each patient's condition
- Support for infection prevention measures in elderly care facilities, etc.
(E.g.) Carry out disinfections, purchase sanitation supplies, and hire emergency personnel to provide appropriate manpower.
- Distribution of kits for testing elderly facility workers
- Dispatch of an in-house infection support team consisting of an infection specialist, an emergency physician, and an infection specialist nurse

(4) Preventing infections during dining

- Please observe the "Kyoto Manners" when eating and drinking.
- Please use outlets that have appropriate infection control measures in place (certified outlets).

(Reference) 「Kyoto Manners」 for when you're dining

- Use outlets with acrylic dividers and proper ventilation!
- Wear a mask when talking!
- Disinfect your hands before eating!
- Do not talk in loud voices when at an outlet!
- Keep the timing to 2 hours or less, and the number of people to 4 or less!

(Efforts by Kyoto Prefecture)

- Development and operation of a search system to facilitate access to certified stores
- Usage promotion measures (e.g., Go To Eat) with targeted certified stores
- Publication of a guidebook on proper ventilation measures

III Preparations for increased crowding

With the change of the fiscal year and the start of the holiday season, it is expected that there will be more situations where people will gather. So, take appropriate action while following all the necessary infection control precautions!

- Sightseeing, excursions, and leisure activities, even outdoor activities, should all be conducted with basic infection prevention measures in place.
- Managers of visitor facilities and lodging facilities should properly follow the industry-specific guidelines, manage admissions during busy times, and call on users and others to cooperate in infection control measures.
- Organizers of events, etc., regardless of the size of the event, should take thorough measures to prevent infection, and participants should avoid the risk of infection before and after the event.
- When using public transportation such as trains and buses, please wear a mask and avoid using loud voices.
- Please use certified restaurants for eating and drinking, and take care to prevent infection by spacing out your meetings inside and outside of restaurants.
- For events associated with employment, transfer, or advancement to higher education, please take thorough precautions to prevent infection, such as not allowing those who are ill to participate.

*Please note that for the time being, requests to limit the number of people, etc., will continue to be made for events.

○ Requested contents (based on Special Measures Law, Article 24, Paragraph 9)

①Period: Ongoing from March 22nd, 2022 for the time being

②Maximum capacity/capacity rate:

【When an infection prevention safety plan has been developed and confirmed by Kyoto Prefectural Government】

Maximum capacity: up to the maximum capacity of the venue

Capacity rate: 100% assuming there will be no loud voice cheering

【Cases other than the above】

5,000 people or 50% of maximum capacity of the venue, whichever is larger

Capacity rate: 100% assuming there will be no loud voice

50% assuming there will be loud voice cheering