

Regarding to Fukuoka prefecture's lifting of emergency measures and measures to be taken thereafter

On February 28, the national government decided to lift the state of emergency declaration for this prefecture.

The prefectural government would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for the understanding, cooperation, and efforts of the residents, businesses, medical professionals, and all those who have been supporting us in various fields of society.

The number new cases continues to decline, and the hospital bed occupancy rate has improved significantly compared to the peak, but this does not mean that the COVID-19 is under control.

In order to reduce the number of new cases and prevent a rebound or re-spreading of the infection, it is necessary for everyone to work together.

We apologize for any inconvenience and hardship this may cause, and ask for your understanding and cooperation with the following requests.

Areas and period

Area: All areas within the prefecture

Period: Monday, March 1, 0:00 to Sunday, March 7, 24:00

To all restaurants and bars

The business hours of restaurants will be changed from "5:00 to 20:00" to "5:00 to 21:00," and alcoholic beverages will be served from 11:00, with the order stop at 20:30.

Please continue to thoroughly implement infection prevention practices in accordance with the guidelines for each industry, and clearly indicate that you are taking measures by displaying the "Infection Prevention Sticker". For restaurants, we will again provide a cooperation grant (40,000 yen per day) to those businesses that cooperate in shortening their business hours from midnight on Monday, March 1 to 24:00 on Sunday, March 7.

Request To All Restaurants And Bars		
	~ February 28 (Sun) [During the State of Emergency]	Monday, March 1, 00:00 - Sunday, March 7, 24:00
Area	All prefectures	All prefectures
Business hours of restaurants and bars	5am - 8pm Alcoholic beverages served 11am - 7pm	5am - 9pm Alcoholic beverages served 11am - 8:30pm (Stop order)
[Fukuoka Infection Prevention Cooperation Grant] Phase 3		
March 1 to March 7: 40,000 yen per day		

To Prefectural Residents

We continue to request the following.

We ask that you refrain from unnecessary outings, both day or night, except when necessary to maintain life and health. Particularly, going out after 21:00. In doing so, refrain from unnecessary travel between prefectures or to areas where the infection is spreading as much as possible.

Thoroughly implement basic infection prevention practices such as avoiding three Cs, keeping a safe physical distance, wearing a mask, and washing hands.

A Request to the Prefectural Residents.

Including during the daytime.

Refrain unnecessary outings and trips.

- Especially after 21:00.
- Refrain from traveling across prefectures or to areas where infection has spread as much as possible.

Thorough implementation of basic infection prevention practices.

- Avoidance of three Cs, maintaining physical distance, masks, hand washing, etc.

To Businesses.

To continue to reduce contact with other people, we want to aim for a reduce the number of employees who go to work by 70% even more, by either work from home, rotating work hours and such. We also ask for your cooperation in reducing work hours after 21:00, unless it is necessary for business continuity.

Request to Businesses

- ⚠ **Work from home (telework), staggered work hours even when working rotating shifts, and bicycle commuting**

Targeting a 70% reduction in the number of employees coming to work

- ⚠ **Curbed work hours after 21:00, except when necessary, for business continuity**

- ⚠ **Infection prevention practices in break rooms, changing rooms, etc.**
Display of infection prevention stickers, etc.



Regarding to Holding Events

Restrictions on holding events (~4/11)

Loud voice (Cheering, shouting, etc.)	Number of people
Forbidden	5000 people or within 50% of capacity (Maximum capacity: 10,000 people) whichever is greater
Able	Within 50% of capacity (Maximum capacity: 10,000 people)

To avoid rebounding.

The most important issue after the lifting of the state of emergency is to prevent a rebound of the infection.

For this reason, we would like to ask all prefectural residents to do the following.

Eat meals with a small group of people you usually share a meal with. Do not shout for short periods of time, and please wear a mask during conversations.

There will be many events associated with the change of fiscal year. Please refrain from going on graduation trips, thank-you parties, and welcome and farewell parties this year. Please do not have a banquet if you go out to see the cherry blossoms.

The Chairman of the National Advisory Committee on Basic Response Policies expressed extremely strong concern about the possibility of this rebound, and they agreed to the lifting of the state of emergency on the premise that various necessary measures would be steadily implemented. The national government is also of the opinion that it is necessary to make an incredibly careful decision on the lifting of the request for shorter opening hours. The prefectural government needs to decide after carefully assessing the future infection situation, the status of the medical institutions, and the risk of the spread of the infection, while receiving the opinions of experts.

Finally

The state of emergency has been lifted, but the fight against COVID-19 is still ongoing. We would like to continue to work together with all of you to win the battle against COVID-19. We would like to ask for your continued understanding and cooperation.