

COVID-19 Cases are on the Rise! Stay Indoors Unless Absolutely Essential!

Announcement from Fukuoka City: **August 2, 2021**

△ New information has been highlighted in red.

On July 30, 2021, the Government of Japan designated Fukuoka Prefecture as a region in need of official priority preventative measures to halt the spread of COVID-19.

Residents are urged to continue comply with the following **from August 2 until August 31, 2021.**

1. Remain Indoors

- Do not leave the house or travel unless for essential activities* even during the day.
Do not leave the house especially after **8 p.m.**
*Essential activities include:
 - going to a medical facility
 - shopping for food supplies, medicine or daily necessities
 - going to work when necessary
 - exercising to maintain a healthy lifestyle
- If you must leave the house for essential activities, **do so in small numbers with your family or regular social group, and avoid crowded places and peak times.**
- Do not travel across prefectures unless essential, especially to regions under a state of emergency.
- Do not leave the house or travel especially if you display any symptoms such as a fever.
- If travel to regions under a state of emergency is absolutely unavoidable, take a PCR test when you come back to Fukuoka at the airport before you leave or when you arrive in Fukuoka to check that you are free of the infection.

2. Preventative Measures

Basic Measures

- Be thorough with basic measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as washing your hands, gargling, wearing a mask, properly ventilating the room and avoiding the 3C's:
 - Crowded places
 - Close contact
 - Confined spaces
- Do not eat or drink in groups on the street, in parks or in other public places, and refrain from other behavior that will increase the risk of spreading the virus.
- Wear a mask at all times when using public transport and refrain from talking loudly.

Eating & Drinking

- Do not visit establishments outside of business hours.
- Avoid establishments that are not taking sufficient measures to prevent the spread of the virus.
- **If you do eat out, do so in small numbers and finish promptly.**
- If there are not sufficient preventative measures in place, the risk of you catching the virus increases regardless of how many people you are with.
- **Check your temperature and sanitize your hands whenever entering an establishment.**
- Wear a mask when not eating and do not raise your voice. (This includes gatherings at private homes.)
- Be thorough with preventative measures even when eating outdoors such as at barbecues.

If you have a fever or any cold-like symptoms, contact your local doctor or medical facility by telephone for advice first.

If you are unsure of where to call or have any worries about the virus, call the COVID-19 Hotline for advice:

COVID-19 Multilingual Hotline (available in 19 languages)

Telephone: 092-687-5357 (24-hour service)

Announcements about COVID-19 from Fukuoka Prefecture and Fukuoka City are continually updated, so keep checking the links below to keep up to date.

Fukuoka Prefecture Website

<https://www.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/contents/covid19emergency-details.html>

Fukuoka City Website (Support for Foreign Residents)

<https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/shisei/gshien/index.html>

Fukuoka City COVID-19 Vaccination Program

https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/soki/kokusai/shisei/japanese/COVID19vaccine_SJ.html

Fukuoka City Website (Advice for Foreign Residents Struggling due to COVID-19)

<https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/soki/kokusai/shisei/COVID19gaikokujinsoudanjp.html>

3. Restricting Business Hours for Food and Other Service Providers

(From **Monday**, August 2 until **Tuesday**, August 31, 2021)

In Fukuoka City, restrict business hours to between 5 a.m. and 8 p.m. if your establishment is legally permitted to serve food products under the Food Sanitation Act. This includes food

stalls such as *yatai*, but excludes delivery and takeout services.

⚠ **Do not** serve alcohol on your premises.

⚠ Refrain from offering karaoke services at snack bars and karaoke cafés.

⚠ **Small- to medium-sized businesses complying with restrictions on business hours from August 1 until August 31, 2021 can receive between ¥40,000 to ¥100,000 per day, and large businesses can receive up to ¥200,000 per day in financial support from Fukuoka Prefecture.**

If you are complying with requests to shorten business hours and to stop serving alcohol, you can receive financial support from Fukuoka Prefecture to cover your rent.

Check the official Fukuoka Prefecture website often for the latest details.

Fukuoka Prefecture Website

<https://www.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/contents/covid19emergency-details.html>

⚠ Food service operators must take care with the following measures:

- ventilate the venue thoroughly every 30 minutes by completely opening two windows in different locations for five minutes at a time.
- set up hand sanitization equipment and disinfect the business premises.
- measure customers' temperatures and have them sanitize their hands when entering.
- tell customers to wear a mask when talking and not to raise their voices.
- provide shatterproof acrylic screens or other appropriate physical barriers to prevent droplet transmission when appropriate social distancing cannot be maintained. Display the official Infection Prevention Declaration sticker to show customers that you are taking the necessary measures.
- install a sign at the entrance of your business refusing entry to anyone who is unwell, not wearing a mask, or removes their mask when not eating.
- tell customers not to pour drinks for one another or share their glasses or drinks.
- tell customers to keep their stay to two hours or less.

4. Event Restrictions

(Until **Tuesday**, August **31**, 2021)

① Events without raised voices or cheering must be held at:

- a. less than 100% capacity; or
- b. a maximum of 5,000 people

⚠ whichever number is smaller between: a. capacity or b. number of people

② Events with raised voices or cheering:

- a. less than 50% capacity; or
- b. a maximum of 5,000 people

⚠ whichever number is smaller between: a. capacity or b. number of people

③ Regional events, national cultural events and outdoor festivals must ensure and

maintain social distancing of one meter. If you cannot maintain these limits, rethink whether the event should be held.

- ④ Hold events between 5:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m.

Reference: Fukuoka City Financial Support Measures

① Rent Support for Food Service Providers

The Fukuoka City Government is providing financial support to cover up 80% (up to ¥500,000) of one month's rent for food service providers that are closing their stores to comply with Fukuoka Prefecture's request to stop serving alcohol. Check the official Fukuoka City website often for the latest details.

Fukuoka City Website | Rent Support for Food Service Providers Closing their Businesses

https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/keizai/kokusaikeizai/business/uriage_shien.html#uriage8gatu

② Support for Businesses with Decreased Sales

The Fukuoka City Government is providing financial support for businesses whose sales have been negatively affected by restrictions on food service business hours and movement restrictions but are not eligible for Fukuoka Prefecture's or the national government's subsidies.

Fukuoka City Website | Support for Businesses with Decreased Sales

https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/keizai/kokusaikeizai/business/uriage_shien.html#3