

# Continue to take measures against the spread of COVID-19!

Announcement from Fukuoka City: **January 6, 2022**

△ New information has been highlighted in red.

Recently, in addition to the number of COVID-19 cases increasing, a new variant of the COVID-19 has been reported.

Furthermore, during the period from the New Year until February, foreign residents will be celebrating various festivals and other events based on their home cultures and traditions. There will be more occasions to gather and spend time with family and friends, so it is important for everyone to be thorough with basic measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Events related to the Coming of Age Ceremony will also be held on January 10. If you are planning to go to these events, be thorough with measures to prevent outbreaks of the virus. You cannot enter any venues if you do not wear a mask or have any cold-like symptoms, such as a fever. Refrain from behavior that poses a high risk of spreading the virus, such as eating or drinking in large numbers or gathering for long periods of time, even before and after the events.

## 1. When going out

- When travelling, 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. Also check the infection situation in your destination, carefully check that any facilities you will visit are taking measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19. Especially, do not leave the house or travel if you display any symptoms such as a fever.
- When travelling across prefectures, 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.

## 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
- Wear a mask at all times when using public transport and refrain from talking loudly.

- Even after you have been vaccinated, continue taking preventative measures against the virus, such as wearing a mask.

### Eating & Drinking

- When eating out, choose establishments that are taking thorough measures to prevent infection such as those displaying an Infection Prevention Certificate issued by Fukuoka Prefecture.
- Regardless of the number of people you are with, eating out at establishments not taking sufficient measures against the spread of COVID-19 increases the risk of infection, but eating in large groups makes it more likely to speak in a loud voice and release droplets that can spread the virus. Refrain from eating in large groups in establishments that have not taken proper preventative measures.
- Wear a mask when not eating and do not raise your voice. (This includes gatherings at private homes.)
- Refrain from eating for extended periods over 2 hours as you are more likely to become over-excited and careless and raise your voice.
- Even when outdoors, maintain social distancing, wear a mask when talking and do not raise your voice.
- Your body temperature must be checked and hands and fingers disinfected before going into establishments.

### Using karaoke facilities

- Wear a mask even when singing and maintain social distancing of two meters or more.
- Disinfect the microphone before passing it on to the next singer.
- Sit one meter or more away from other users, and do not sit opposite one another.

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

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

△ Fukuoka City COVID-19 Vaccination Program website below:

[https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/soki/kokusai/shisei/japanese/COVID19vaccine\\_SJ.html](https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/soki/kokusai/shisei/japanese/COVID19vaccine_SJ.html)

### 3. Business Hours for Food and Other Service Providers

- 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.
- 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 to keep their stay to two hours or less.
- Apply for the Infection Prevention Certificate issued by Fukuoka Prefecture.

△ For facilities offering karaoke

- Disinfect the microphone and remote control after each customer leaves. Put disinfectant products in each karaoke box room.
- Snack bars and karaoke cafés share karaoke equipment between large numbers of unspecified people. Be especially thorough with ventilating the venue and ensuring social distance.

### 4. Event Restrictions

(From Thursday, November 25, 2021)

- ① For events with more than 5,000 attendees or over 50% of venue capacity:

Events should be held without raised voices.

Event organizers must create an infection-prevention and safety plan and submit it to the Fukuoka Prefectural Government for confirmation.

The maximum number of attendees for events shall be limited to the maximum capacity for the venue.

The maximum capacity for events is 100%.

- ② For events where the above does not apply:

For events that do not create an infection prevention and safety plan, you must publish how the event is complying to the *Necessary Preventative Measures to Prevent Infection when Holding Events*, and store this information for one year after the event.

- For events with a set capacity-

Maximum attendees: up to 5,000 people, or 50% of venue capacity, whichever number is bigger. Furthermore, attendance ratio should be set to 50% at events with raised voices or 100% at events without raised voices.

- For events without a set capacity-

- Events with raised voices must ensure sufficient social distancing (2 meters where possible, at least 1 meter). If you cannot maintain these limits, rethink whether the event should be held.
- Events without raised voices must ensure sufficient space so attendees do not come into physical contact.

- ③ Events must follow the New Normal and industry guidelines. Follow basic COVID-19 preventative measures, such as arranging seating to prevent the 3C's, ensuring social distancing, wearing masks etc.

Create a record of the names and contact details of the attendees.

- △ For more information, check the Fukuoka Prefectural Government website below (Japanese only).



<https://www.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/contents/covid-19-cooperation-event.html>

### Reference: Fukuoka City Financial Support Measures

- ① Support for Businesses with Decreased Sales (until October payment)

The Fukuoka City Government is providing financial support for businesses whose sales have been negatively affected by restrictions on food service business hours 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/shicho/koho/health/covid19\\_ji.html#ych](https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/shicho/koho/health/covid19_ji.html#ych)