

Okinawa Prefecture's Basic Policy for COVID-19 Infection Measures

Basic Concept	<p><u>In working towards preventing the further spread of Covid-19, and in order to resume socio-economic activities while maintaining infection prevention measures,</u> based on article 24 of the Act on Special Measures against Novel Influenza (hereinafter referred to as the "Act"), requests will be made to prefectural residents and businesses, and any necessary cooperation will be encouraged.</p>
Area	The entirety of Okinawa

【The Implementation of Sustainable Infection Prevention Measures】

Current Situation

- In order to prevent the spread of infection and to ensure the stable implementation of socioeconomic activities, it is necessary to thoroughly implement basic infection prevention measures through "new lifestyles" and "promoting vaccinations".
- The winter season is an epidemic period for infectious diseases, and in addition to this, the year-end and New Year's holidays are a time of active socializing through year-end and New Year's parties, etc. Even if the number of COVID-19 cases decreases, they will easily re-spread (rebound) if infection prevention measures are not taken
- To protect yourself, your loved ones, and your communities, make sure that you don't take the virus home with you by practicing "good hand hygiene, washing hands, etc.", "wearing a mask", and "keeping track of your health with daily temperature checks, etc". "Even if you are only feeling a little unwell, please "wear a mask at home and rest in an isolated area within the house", wear a mask when family members are around, and **please consult with your family doctor or contact the prefectural call center.**

Prefectural Policies and Measures

- In order to establish sustainable infection prevention measures, we will continue to ask for cooperation to prefectural residents and businesses.
- If infection re-spreads, the following measures should be taken.
- ① When signs of the spread of infection are confirmed, a "warning" is promptly issued by each city or public health center, and the area will be designated as an "alert area" and necessary measures will be requested. (Guideline: More than 25 people per 100,000 city/health center unit population [per week])
- ② When signs of the prefecture-wide spread of infections are identified, we will quickly release an alert to the entire prefecture. (Guideline: More than 15 people per 100,000 people of all prefectural residents [per week] [One day average number of new positive cases increases by more than 32 people])
- ③ Stronger measures will be taken when there is a threat of rapid infection spread. (Guideline: More than 25 people per 100,000 people of all prefectural residents [per week] [(One day average number of new positive cases increases by more than 53 people] and more than 1.3 times higher than the previous week)
- Provide alert for seasonal events.

Requests to Prefectural Residents

Request Regarding Traveling and Going Out

- Avoid going out to crowded places.
- Continue to wear masks, wash hands, and implement other basic infection prevention measures.
- Careful consideration should be given to travel to and from areas outside of the prefecture where the infection is spreading (more than 25 new positive cases per 100,000 population). Make a health observation prior to travel to and from prefectures, follow the precautions of the prefecture where you visit.
- Vaccinations should be completed or PCR tests or other tests should be taken prior to departure.
- As for travel to outer islands, please check the websites of municipalities on the islands where you will be visiting for information on their acceptance status, etc., as they may ask you to refrain from coming to their islands. When you are not feeling well, please postpone or cancel your trip to the prefecture. In addition, it is recommended to complete vaccination or to take a PCR test or other tests in advance.
- When holding Moai (social support group meetings), beach parties, etc. that will lead to drinking and eating, refrain from holding the event for a long time or with a large number of people.
 - ※ Events in areas subject to an alert should be held with no more than 4 people, for no more than 2 hours, or held with family members living together or people you normally interact with.

Request Regarding Basic Infection Prevention Measures

- If you are 12 years old or older, please get vaccinated as it is the trump card of infection prevention measures.
- Observe your health by taking your temperature every day, and if you have any symptoms, stop commuting to work, school, or going out.
- When feeling sick, you should see your family doctor or go to a clinic during the day. When you have a fever contact the Prefectural Call Center.
- Thorough Implementation of Basic Infection Prevention Measures **【Wearing masks, frequent hand washing, and thorough ventilation】**
- ◆ Even those who have completed two rounds of vaccination are still at risk of infection. Please continue to take measures to prevent infection, such as wearing a mask and frequent hand washing.

Requests to Prefectural Residents

Requests for Group Dining (Eating and Drinking)

- ◆ Refrain from holding group dining for a long time or with a large number of people
 - ◆ Avoid activities that increase risk such as drinking until late at night
 - ◆ When holding a group dining event with a large number of people, try to dine with those who have completed vaccination or those who have tested negative, as much as possible.
 - ◆ Proactively cooperate with infection prevention measures required by restaurants. (Do not talk loud, wear a mask when talking, etc.)
 - ◆ Avoid using restaurants that are not taking thorough infection prevention measures and please use an "Infection Prevention Measure Certified Facility".
 - ◆ Even if you are only feeling a little unwell, please don't participate or if someone else is feeling the same, don't allow the person to participate
- The same precautions should be taken for group dining at other than restaurants, such as at home.
- ※ Events in areas subject to an alert should be held with no more than 4 people, for no more than 2 hours, or with family members living together or people you normally interact with.

To visitors (who are considering coming to Okinawa)

Requests for Coming and Going

- In accordance with the request for inter-prefectural travel required by the governor of your residential area, please ensure that you take basic infection prevention measures when you come to the prefecture.
 - Please consider carefully if you are coming from an area where the infection is spreading.
 - Before coming to the prefecture, please make sure to observe your health well in advance and take all possible measures to prevent infection. When you are not feeling well, please postpone or cancel your trip to the prefecture.
 - Prior to coming to the prefecture, please make sure that you have completed vaccinations or take a PCR test, etc. and take a test in advance to confirm that you are negative.
 - ※ Now, for those who are unable to take tests in advance, we have established a system where one can take a PCR test upon their arrival at Naha Airport, Miyako Airport, Shimojishima Airport, New Ishigaki Airport, and Kumejima Airport.
 - When coming to the prefecture, avoid restaurants and hotels that are not taking thorough infection prevention measures, please use an "Infection Prevention Measure Certified Facility" instead.
 - If you feel unwell or have a fever during your stay in Okinawa, please contact the Traveler's Access Center Okinawa.
【Traveler's Access Center Okinawa 「TACO」】
 - ※ Telephone number : 098-840-1677 Operating hours : 8 a.m~9 p.m. (open all year round.)
- ※ Regarding school excursions, please take thorough measures to prevent infection and act in accordance with the (separate) "Okinawa School Trip Quarantine and Tourism Guidelines".

Requests to Restaurants

<p>Target Facilities</p>	<p>[Restaurants] Restaurants (excluding takeout and delivery) [Entertainment facilities / wedding halls] Bars, karaoke boxes, wedding halls (etc.) that possess a restaurant business license under the Food Sanitation Act.</p>
<p>Details of the Requests</p>	<p>[Request for Cooperation in Infection Prevention Measures]</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ <u>Thorough implementation of infection prevention measures, including compliance with industry-specific guidelines (The Act, Article 24, Paragraph 9)</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recommend that employees take tests, guide entering patrons in an organized manner, and ventilate the facility. • Prohibition of admission of persons with fever or other symptoms • Installation of hand sanitizing equipment, disinfection for places where business is conducted • Widely publicize wearing masks and other infection prevention measures • Prohibit the entry of those who do not wear a mask and do not take infection prevention measures. (Wear a mask when talking) • Installation of acrylic panels (or at least 1 meter space between seats) ➤ Cooperation with the prefectural government's and municipality's inspection program to promote infection prevention measures ➤ Recommendation to Obtain "Certified Infection Prevention Facility". ➤ When using Karaoke facilities, avoid close proximity between users, thoroughly implement infection control measures such as ensuring ventilation, etc. <p>※For holding events such as weddings ceremonies, please refer to "Requests when Holding Events".</p> <p>※In principle, no more than four people in the same group and at the same table.</p>

Requests when Holding Events

◆ Request Organizers to Hold Events in Accordance with the Event Capacity Requirements (maximum number of people, venue capacity, etc.) (The Act, Article 24, Paragraph 9)

	Maximum Venue Capacity of Facilities (※1)		
	Less Than 5,000 People	Over 5,000 People ~ Less Than 10,000 People	Over 10,000 People
Events Free from Loud Spectator cheering /Shouting	Up to Capacity	Up to 5000 People (※3)	Up to Half of the Capacity (※3)
Events where Spectators Tend to Shout (※2)	Up to Half of the Capacity		

※1: In the case a maximum venue capacity has not been set, the capacity shall be as follows.

• Events free from loud spectator cheering and/or shouting → The spacing should be sufficient to avoid having close-contact between people (The spacing should be enough to avoid person to person contact at a minimum).

• Events where spectators tend to shout → Sufficient space (2m as much as possible, at least 1m) between people must be provided.

※2: "Loud shouting voice" is defined as "a spectator ①shouting louder than their usual voice and ②shouting repeatedly and continuously", and events that actively encourage this practice or do not take sufficient necessary measures are classified as "Events where spectators tend to shout".

※3: Under the condition that an infection prevention safety plan is prepared and implemented, the maximum venue capacity of facilities for spectators will be accommodated.

- In addition, organizers should ensure compliance with industry-specific guidelines to implement thorough tracking measures, such as the national governments Contact Confirming Application (COCOA) and the Okinawa COVID-19 Countermeasure Personal Support Application (RICCA) or the creation of a list of participants.
- For events with more than 5,000 spectators and a capacity ratio of more than 50%, the organizer must prepare and submit to the prefecture a "Safety Plan for Infection Prevention" that describes specific measures to be taken at least two weeks prior to the event. If the requests from the prefecture are not met, postponement or cancellation of the event might be requested.
- In the event of a nationwide spread of infection or clusters occurring, and the government revises industry-specific guidelines, the maximum capacity ratio requirements, or ceiling of the maximum number of participants, organizers should take prompt action.
- For events that attract a large number of visitors from outside the island, visitors should be encouraged to be vaccinated or have negative results confirmed by PCR test or other tests prior to the event.

Requests to Facilities

Requests to Retail Facilities and Customer Facilities

Requests for the implementation of the measures stipulated in Article 11, Paragraph 1, Enforcement of the Special Measures Act are requested for sports facilities, amusement centers, movie theaters, shopping centers and other facilities. In addition, the implementation status of each initiative should be actively published on the facility's website.

- Thorough implementation of infection prevention measures, including compliance with industry-specific guidelines (The Act, Article 24, Paragraph 9)
 - "Patron traffic control" should be executed to prevent crowds by organizing and guiding entering patrons. Especially when holding events to attract customers such as New Year's Day sales, work to avoid dense and close proximity.)
 - Measures effective in preventing infection by droplets from conversations (especially at food courts) (Installation of acrylic panels, maintaining a distance between seats or thorough room ventilation, etc. should be implemented.)
 - Installation of hand disinfection equipment, request patrons to sanitize their hands, etc., recommend staff to get PCR testing.
 - Measures to prohibit the entry of those with a fever or other symptoms (temperature check upon entry, installation of thermography)
 - Spread awareness to entering patrons to wear masks thoroughly.
 - Prohibit the entry of patrons who do not comply with wearing masks without valid a reason.
 - At game centers, sports clubs, and other amusement facilities, check symptoms, take temperatures, and require hand hygiene before entering.
 - Request that users not be allowed to bring alcoholic beverages in.

Requests to Businesses

【The Act, Article 24 Paragraph 9 : Requests for Cooperation】

Requests to Businesses and the Business Community

- Encourage vaccination at the workplace. (development of an easy vaccination environment)
- Thoroughly manage the physical condition of staff, and do not come to work or do not allow them to come to work if they are not feeling well.
- Work from home (telework), expand staggered commuting, and take other measures to prevent denseness during commuting and work.
- Request your employees to refrain from using facilities that do not have infection prevention measures in place.
- Be careful about switching places in the workplace (break room, changing room, smoking room, company cafeteria), which increases the risk of infection.

Requests to Transportation Operators

- Perform temperature checks at major terminals.
- We request that public transportation operators, such as airlines, ships, buses, and taxis, etc. strictly comply with the industry specific guidelines for measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Implementation of Initiatives in Cooperation with Municipalities

- Raising awareness about infection prevention measures among local residents through use of public information vehicles and disaster warning systems, etc. and calling for cooperation from residents' associations, etc.
- Initiatives as a manager of various facilities, parks, etc. (including cautioning against drinking in groups on the street and in parks)
- Notification of how to receive treatment when one has a fever (refrain from any non-essential and non-emergency trips to the emergency room, how to use the antigen test kit, contact the Okinawa Prefecture Covid-19 Call Center: 098-866-2129)
- Provide information on positive cases to municipalities and work together to support people receiving treatment at home.
- Childcare facilities and other facilities are requested to continue to provide regular childcare service while taking basic countermeasures against infectious diseases and thoroughly managing the health of children and staff.
- When holding year-end and New Year events such as Coming-of-age ceremonies, recommend that participants be vaccinated or receive PCR testing in advance.

Requests to Schools, etc.

- Thoroughly implement measures to prevent infection based on the sanitation management manual in school educational activities, extracurricular activities, and student dormitories.
- Ensure children and students are informed about thoroughly monitoring the condition of their health at home and refrain from attending school if they are not feeling well.
- When holding school events, etc., take the status of infections in the area into the consideration for location, time, and method of holding the event.
- For club activities, infection prevention measures should be thoroughly implemented, and health checks should be conducted prior to activities and before various competitions.
- Universities and vocational schools should take appropriate measures to balance infection prevention and effective implementation of face-to-face and remote classes.
- Universities should thoroughly remind students, etc. to refrain from social gatherings and drinking parties in large groups or for a long time, as much as possible, as there is a high risk of infection.

Measures at Public Facilities, etc.

- For prefectural public facilities such as museums, art galleries, and athletic facilities, they should be operated while taking thorough measures to prevent infection, such as organizing and guiding entering patrons to avoid congestion, and municipalities are requested to take the same measures as prefectural governments.
- Request facility managers to caution the public to avoid behaviors with high-risk of infection, such as drinking in groups on the street or in parks.

Caution the public regarding events during the year-end and New Year holidays

① Returning to the Prefecture

- ◆ Please complete the vaccination in advance or confirm negative results by PCR test or other tests prior to your visit.
- ◆ Please check your health for 10 days prior to returning home, and consider postponing your return if you are not feeling well.
- ◆ If you feel unwell after arriving in Okinawa, please contact the prefectural call center (098-866-2129) and refrain from going out.
- ◆ Those who will be socializing with people returning home are also requested to complete the vaccination in advance.

② Regarding year-end, New Year's parties, and other group dining

- ◆ Reduce the frequency of group dining (especially in consecutive days) and avoid drinking late at night.
- ◆ Select an "Infection Prevention Measure Certified Facility" that has infection control measures in place.
- ◆ If possible, please have group dining with people who have been vaccinated or those who have tested negative.

③ Regarding the Coming-of-age Ceremony

- ◆ Please complete the vaccination in advance, and for those who have not completed the vaccination, please confirm negative results by PCR test or other tests.
- ◆ When participating in the ceremony, please follow basic infection prevention measures such as wearing a mask.
- ◆ Please limit the number of people attending socials before and after the ceremony and avoid drinking until late at night

Requests for Seasonal Events

~Returning to the Prefecture Edition~



If you are returning home,
please complete vaccinations or confirm that you have tested negative before your visit.

Even the person who welcomes visitors should also be vaccinated.

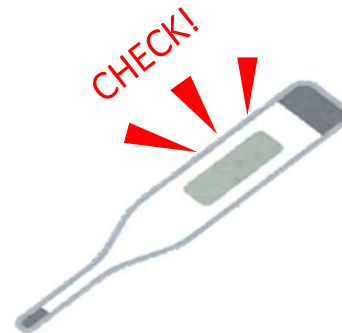


Both those who is returning to Okinawa

and those who welcoming visitors should be vaccinated

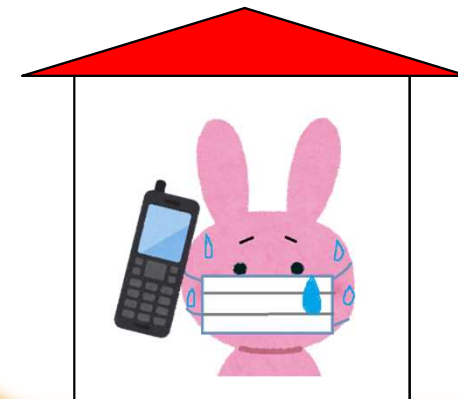


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Please refrain from going out.



↓ If you think you are infected with COVID-19, please contact: ↓
Okinawa Prefecture COVID-19 Call Center: 098-866-2129 : 098-866-2129

Requests for Seasonal Events

~Year-end Parties, New Year's parties and other Group Dining~

Reduce the frequency of group dining (especially in consecutive days) and avoid drinking late at night.



Select an **"Infection Prevention Measure Certified Facility"** that has infection control measures in place. Click here to search for certified facilities. ↓



Please cooperate with the infection prevention measures required by restaurants.

※ Do not shout, wear a mask when talking, etc.



Requests for Seasonal Event

~Coming-of-Age Ceremony Edition~

Please complete your vaccinations in advance, and for those who have not completed vaccinations, please confirm negative results by PCR test or other tests.



Basic infection prevention measures, such as wearing masks, should be taken during the ceremony.



Please limit the number of people that attend socials before and after the ceremony and avoid drinking until late into the night.

