

Governor's Request to Residents of Kagawa in the Infection Prevention Period

Everyone remain aware and strive for infection prevention

When looking at the current situation nationwide, the number of newly infected cases is on a downward trend as a whole. This is also the case in Kagawa, where we continue to see daily decreases in the number of new infections compared to the week before. Especially since the beginning of this week, the number has remained below 200 and continues its downward trend.

The government of Kagawa considered changing its response measures according to the national standard that "although we must continue to consider the number of COVID-19 cases, we must pay even more attention to the strain on medical resources" However, I believe that we must be cautious when relaxing the response measures as the number of cases is on the decline. For this reason I have decided to extend the current "Infection Prevention Period" for two weeks, until June 19th.

I ask for all residents to remain vigilant and keep in mind the importance of avoiding the "three Cs", maintaining an appropriate distance between people, and wearing non-woven (fabric) masks, as well as remembering to thoroughly washing your hands, using hand sanitizer and disinfecting common areas. I also ask you to refrain from going to work or school, and going out if you experience any unusual symptoms such as a sore throat, and if you eat out, please visit restaurants with the "Kagawa Safe Restaurant Certification", which are stores that implement infection prevention measures thoroughly. When eating at a restaurant, eat in groups of no more than 4 people per table, for no more than 2 hours, and wear a non-woven (fabric) mask when speaking.

Also, if you are concerned that you may have been infected, please make use of the free PCR testing program for residents of Kagawa, which has been extended until the end of June.

I ask that elderly people and people with pre-existing conditions take measures to reduce the risk of infection, such as limiting their social interactions to small groups of people they meet on a regular basis.

I would also ask that those meeting with such persons take thorough measures to reduce the risk of infection, such as getting vaccinated (third dose) or taking a free test before meeting to ensure that they are not infected.

In addition, on Saturdays and Sundays from June 11th to July 3rd a mass vaccination center will be opened once again on the 21st floor of the prefectural office to administer the third dose of the vaccine. You can be vaccinated without appointment, so if you wish to be vaccinated, we encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

Concerning the fourth dose of the vaccine, certain cities and towns have already started offering vaccination, so please contact the office of the city or town where you reside for details on how to make an appointment and where you can get vaccinated and, if you wish to, please make an appointment and get vaccinated as soon as possible.

Any actions that show prejudice or discrimination against COVID-19 patients, their families, the medical personnel who are treating them, or their families, will not be tolerated.

Vaccination is not mandatory. It is a personal decision that everyone must make of their own accord. One should not force coworkers or others around oneself to get the vaccine, nor discriminate against those who have not been vaccinated.

I ask that you continue to make decisions and take actions while keeping the rights of others in mind.

In order to restore daily life and normal economic activities as soon as possible, we will do our utmost to protect the health and livelihood of all residents of the prefecture by cooperating with the national government, cities, and towns to prevent the spread of COVID-19 and to secure the healthcare delivery system.

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