

July 14, 2021

Governor's Message:  
**Prevent Another Wave of Infections!**  
Don't let your guard down,  
let's stop the resurgence!

The pre-emergency measures for Hyogo Prefecture were lifted on July 11. However, we observed 80 new cases on July 13, followed by 78 on July 14. The daily new case counts reached 80 for the first time in 38 days since June 5, when Hyogo Prefecture was under the State of Emergency. The latest weekly case counts increased by 1.8 times compared to the previous week. For these reasons, we are still in critical condition regarding the resurgence of infections.

An increase in coronavirus variants is a great concern, and new cases are rising rapidly in Tokyo, Osaka, and other areas. The Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games and the summer holidays are expected to draw large crowds, and therefore, we need to be even more cautious than ever.

All Hyogo citizens and business operators must work together to stop the resurgence and contain the virus. Do not let your guard down and take thorough infection prevention measures.