

State of Emergency! Take Every Measure to Curb the COVID-19 Infection Spread

The third State of Emergency was declared for Hyogo Prefecture on April 23. Hyogo Prefecture is truly in an emergency state with a record number of newly confirmed cases being reported every day. The healthcare system is about to become completely overwhelmed with over 1,000 patients on the waiting list for hospitalization.

With the Golden Week holidays coming soon, we must reduce the flow of people in order to curb further spread of infections by all means.

Business operators are requested to practice the following even under the current harsh business environment while recognizing that our region is under the State of Emergency.

Request to Business Operators

1. Take thorough countermeasures at eating and drinking establishments

- Stop serving alcohol and providing karaoke services.
- Eating and drinking establishments that do not serve alcohol or provide karaoke services are requested to operate between 5:00 and 20:00.
- Take thorough infection prevention measures at eating and drinking establishments.

Using acrylic partitions or keeping a proper distance between guests, providing hand sanitizers, ventilating the rooms, requesting guests to wear face masks, not admitting those who show symptoms such as fever, encouraging employees to get tested

2. Reduce the flow of people

- Certain facilities that attract a great number of people, such as large commercial complexes and museums, are requested to shut down operations.
- Event organizers are requested to postpone or cancel events. If it is impossible to do so, the events should be held without an audience.

3. Take thorough countermeasures at workplaces and facilities

- Take thorough infection prevention measures at workplaces and facilities, such as managing employees' health, ventilating rooms, providing hand sanitizers, and urging employees to wear face masks.
- Urge employees of facilities for the elderly to take PCR tests.
- Urge employees to avoid dining together at office parties or other places.

4. Reduce 70% of commuters

- Make efforts to reduce 70% of commuters by promoting telecommuting and encouraging employees to take a leave of absence during the Golden Week holidays.