

November 20, 2020

New Measures to Be Taken by Hyogo Prefecture in the “Infection Expanding Special Phase”

Hyogo Prefecture confirmed 132 new cases of COVID-19, the highest number ever on November 19, and has been observing over 100 cases for three consecutive days. Many prefectures nationwide have also had record high numbers of new cases recently. Taking all circumstances into consideration, Hyogo Prefecture declares that it has entered the **“Infection Expansion Special Phase,”** and requests its citizens to be on maximum alert.

1. Declaring Hyogo is in the “Infection Expanding Special Phase”

Hyogo Prefecture will request its citizens to be on maximum alert, focusing particularly on dining and drinking.

[Reference] “Take every measure to prevent COVID-19 infections!” (Governor’s message dated November 18, 2020)

2. Preparing more rooms at accommodation facilities for recuperation

Hyogo Prefecture will prepare more rooms at accommodation facilities for recuperation in addition to the current 700 rooms.

3. Enhancing measures against clusters of infections

(1) Providing more PCR tests at social welfare facilities, etc.

Hyogo Prefecture will provide PCR tests promptly, proactively, and extensively to employees and service users at social welfare facilities, etc. and all those involved if they show symptoms of fever or respiratory syndromes.

(2) Requesting social welfare facilities, etc. to thoroughly implement health/behavior monitoring of their employees and visitors to prevent the virus from entering the facilities