

Regarding the State of Emergency: The Comprehensive Plan against the Novel Coronavirus

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1 Strengthening and Extension of the “Stop COVID-19 Two-Week Strategy”

1.1 Gifu-wide Countermeasures against Infection

1.1.1 All citizens of Gifu must perform the following thoroughly:

- Avoid going out: Stay Home
- Social Distancing: Avoid Close Contact

- **Avoid going out**, regardless of the time of day or night, day of the week, except when absolutely necessary to maintain your livelihood, such as to visit medical institutions, go to work, and to obtain food, pharmaceuticals, and goods necessary to sustain your life.
- Wear a mask when going out in order to protect yourself from infection and to protect others from being infected by you.
- Wash your hands after touching objects that may have been touched by many people, such as handrails, doorknobs, and hand straps inside trains.
- When possible, stay 2 meters apart from other people.
- **Make a concerted effort to avoid spaces that exhibit the “Three Cs” that increase the risk of infection: Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close Contact-Settings:**
 - (“Three Cs”) Avoid places with high risk for infection, for example: places with customer service, such as nightclubs, restaurants, and bars; congregations, such as choirs; places that involve aerobic exercise inside, such as sports gymnasiums, karaoke venues, live music venues, dance groups, table-tennis groups.
- Refrain completely from attending events in which it is not possible to perform countermeasures against infection like facial mask usage, proper ventilation, and sanitization, even if the number of participants is small.
- In companies, enable employees to work from home and use teleconferencing technologies to the maximum extent possible, in order to reduce the employees that commute to work as much as is possible.
- Maintain awareness of your own current health status, starting with measuring your body temperature. Refrain from going out or to work when unwell.
- Do not be led astray by rumors, hearsay, or vague information about infected people, and instead make use of official communications from Gifu Prefecture and the call center.

- Maintain calm, and refrain from bulk or panic buying. Services that are necessary for the maintenance of your livelihood such as medical and financial institutions, supermarkets, and convenience stores will remain open.
- Abstain from visiting the seven prefectures in which a State of Emergency has been declared. Avoid non-essential travel to those prefectures, and refrain from inciting others to move from those prefectures for family, friend, or work-related affairs. If you do return home or visit family, pay close attention to your health status.

1.2 A Request to Business Owners of Businesses at Risk of Being Involved in Further Infections

To those running business that are at high risk of infection (see “*Three Cs*” above), we urge that you recognize the high probability of your business becoming the source of a new infection cluster based on previous infection clusters occurring nationally, and carry out the following preventative measures:

- Encourage hand sanitization for guests at entrances
- Carry out sanitization of objects that are touched often by many people (doorknobs, microphones, switches, toilets, etc.)
- Take care to avoid the Three Cs (Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, and Close Contact-Settings), for example by ventilating the space regularly
- Check on the health of employees and educate them about measures they can take to protect themselves
- Reduce opening hours, the size of events, and/or temporarily close your business, etc.

2 Extension of the Temporary Closure of Schools

- All prefectural schools will remain temporarily closed until May 6 (Wednesday).
- We urge municipal and private schools, universities, high schools and other educational institutions to take similar actions.

3 Temporary Closure / Closure of Nurseries, Day Care and After School Care (Hokago Jido Club) Facilities

- We urge municipal and privately-operated nurseries, day care, after school care (Hokago Jido Club), and other day service facilities to temporarily suspend or close operations until May 6 (Wednesday).
- However, in order for people who maintain the normal functioning of society to keep on working such as healthcare workers, policemen, and firemen, we urge the municipal and privately-owned facilities to create a sustainable system and make arrangements for the children of such people, single parents, and those who are unable to take leave from work.
- The prefecture will provide financial support in order to reduce the cost of establishment and usage of such facilities.

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9 Appeal to Gifu Residents: Strengthening of Public Communication within Gifu (Establishment of a Call Center)

- For All Gifu Residents

Aside from increasing the frequency of information being released via the various prefectural publications, information dissemination will be bolstered by publishing information in newspaper advertisements and public transport facilities.

(Gifu prefectural home page, TV, radio, data broadcasting, social networks, video distribution (You Tube), newspaper advertisements, public transport (trains, buses, etc.)

- For Foreign Residents

Information is published, as soon as it is available, in 6 languages (Japanese, English, Chinese, Portuguese, Tagalog, Vietnam) on the home page of Gifu Prefectural Consultation Center for Foreign Residents.

【Most Recent Information Published in 6 Languages】

➤ Information on the Cases of COVID-19 within Gifu Prefecture (updated daily)

- For Residents with Impaired Hearing

Information in sign language will soon become available for hearing-impaired people.

- A call center will be established soon to act as a comprehensive contact point for Coronavirus-related matters including the State of Emergency, thereby increasing labor efficiency and strengthening the “one stop service” for COVID-19.