

Upcoming measures to prevent a resurgence of COVID-19 infections

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Kyoto Prefectural Government

1. To thoroughly prevent a resurgence of infections

In Kyoto Prefecture, we have already experienced two states of emergency. In order to prevent a resurgence of infections, we aim to promote efforts to gradually restart daily socio-economic activities while firmly implementing infection prevention measures such as the wearing of masks, hand washing, and appropriate disinfection.

(1) Towards a new daily life in spring

- We ask you to please thoroughly implement basic infection prevention measures such as wearing a mask, washing your hands, securing physical distance, and avoiding the three Cs.
- Even though we're entering into the warmer spring season, please maintain caution regarding outdoor activities and events.
- In particular, please refrain from welcoming and farewell parties, and cherry blossom viewing events.

(2) Procedures not to infect others, and not to become infected!

- Most infections occur via droplet infection. The virus enters mainly through the nose and mouth, so be sure to wear a mask when talking!

(3) Preventing infections during eating and drinking opportunities

- Please cooperate with the "Kyoto manners" when eating and drinking.

<Kyoto Manners>

- ① Dine at places with appropriate acrylic partitions and ventilation !
- ② Wear a mask when talking!
- ③ Disinfect your hands before eating and after leaving a restaurant!
- ④ Do not speak in loud voices when at restaurants!
- ⑤ Limit the time to 2 hours, and the group size to 4 or less!

- Please refrain from banquets and home parties with individuals who aren't part of your immediate family

- When eating out, please partake in "individual meals where you eat alone, and in "silent meals" where you eat in silence without talking.

(4) Preventing infections at events, etc.

We ask event organizers and facility managers to meet the following requirements.

- ① Period: Until April 11th
- ② Maximum number of people: 5,000 people or 50% of maximum capacity*, whichever is larger (maximum of 10,000 people)

*If there is no loud cheering, then 100% capacity is allowed

- ③ Preliminary consultation: Events involving the participation of people from across the country, and events with more than 1,000 participants

If you plan to hold such an event, please contact the Kyoto Prefectural Consultation Office in advance.

(5) Reducing person-to-person contact in the workplace

- In order to reduce the number of employees in the workplace, we would like to further promote teleworking, and for workplaces where commuting is absolutely required, we ask you to please take measures such as rotation working and staggered commuting.
- If such measures are difficult due to the type of business being conducted, avoid crowding in the workplace by decentralizing weekly holidays and promote the taking of leave

2. Restaurants, universities, medical Institutions and elderly care centers

(1) Restaurants

- Implement thorough prevention measures such as setting up acrylic partitions and hand sanitizing to prevent droplet transmissions of COVID-19.
- Thoroughly carry out prevention guidelines, such as ensuring proper and regular ventilation of spaces and securing appropriate distances between tables.

<Cooperation from restaurants>

Support and encourage the safety measures, and upgrading implementation for restaurants in cooperation with the industry in order to lower the risk of the transmission of the virus.

- Establish a support system for droplet transmission of COVID-19 and the ventilation of spaces (setting up acrylic partitions, installation of ventilation, air purifiers and CO2 measuring instruments).
- Setting up a help desk specializing in safety measures for restaurants.
- Thorough operation of on-site inspections in cooperation with the industrial organization and union groups.
- Carry out press releases on the best practical cases for good prevention of droplet transmissions of COVID-19, and the proper installation of ventilation.

(2) Universities

- Stagger entrance ceremonies, or adopt an online format, and limit participants to just the person who is entering the school.
- Freshmen and people who travel to Kyoto are required to monitor their health for 2 weeks before their departure.
- When identifying new cases, Public Health centers will trace the individual's activities.
- Regular checks and adjustments of the prevention measures carried out in dormitories and field trips from club activities are required.
- Refrain from drinking and dining events in relation to farewell / welcome parties.

(3) Medical institutions and elderly care centers

- Continue to refrain from visiting medical and elderly care facilities.
- People who work, use, and come and go to and from these facilities should be even more attentive to the virus.