

Upcoming response to the spread of infections

July 22nd, 2020

Kyoto Prefecture

1 Appeal for cooperation to residents of the Prefecture

- ① Thorough implementation of the “new normal lifestyle”
We request the continued implementation of the “new normal lifestyle”, including the three basics of 1. maintaining physical distances, 2. wearing of a mask, and 3. washing your hands, alongside avoiding the three Cs, closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact settings.
- ② Call for attention to young people
Currently, approximately 50% of all infected persons are those in their 20s or younger, and the statistic increases to 70% of all infected persons when including those in their 30s or younger. Aimed particularly at the younger generations, we ask for your cooperation in taking due diligence when attending drinking parties, social events with friends; also whilst doing so please avoid talking in loud voices, sharing drinks, and other such actions.
- ③ We ask for your restraint in the use of facilities that do not follow proper guidelines for infection prevention, particularly those such as drinking and entertainment establishments where cases of infections are notably on the rise.

2 Request for businesses operators to comply with guidelines

- ① Request for compliance with guidelines (Attachment 1)
At dining facilities all over the country cases of infections are on the rise, and within our prefecture as well we are seeing over 50% of infections since the middle of June having traceable infection routes stemming from dining facilities. We request such facilities to comply with guidelines.
- ② Guidance for complying with guidelines at facilities with infection occurrences (Attachment 2)
With the increase in coronavirus patients, for facilities that are at threat of becoming cluster sources, and facilities that are already cluster sources, we, Kyoto Prefecture, are carrying out a survey to assess the current situation, together with local governments, and we will be providing guidance for following infection prevention guidelines, and promoting collaborative efforts to further prevent the spread of infection.
- ③ Development of initiatives to comply with guidelines by “All-Kyoto” entities
The Kyoto Guideline Promotion Conference will be issuing stickers throughout the prefecture to business operators who announce the promoting of a compliance with guidelines.

3 Cluster countermeasures

① Dispatching of expert teams

On the same day that infections are confirmed at a facility, we will dispatch a support team of experts to thoroughly prevent any further spread of infection.

② Strengthening of the public health care center system

We are carrying out a strengthening of the public health care center system through consultations and dispatches of public health nurses for returnees to Japan/those who have come into contact with infected persons, and we are conducting thorough and active epidemiological surveys of persons who have had close contact with infected persons.

4 Strengthening of the medical care system

- ① Strengthening of the medical care system (Attachment 3)
Request medical institutions that have converted their beds for the novel coronavirus patients into a normal community medicine to accommodate the infected person, and secure a medical care service system of providing approximately 490 beds, including 86 beds for patients with severe symptoms, including approximately 50 additional beds for patients with minor symptoms.
- ② Improvement of medical care accommodation facilities (Attachment 3)
Improve the medical care system operated by doctors and nurses to accept patients in all 338 rooms at the designated 2 facilities, and start looking for new medical care accommodation facilities.

Guideline (excerpt) to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus infection in the entertainment and drinking industry, compiled by the national federation of the entertainment and drinking industry on June 13th, 2020 (Attachment 1)

- Wear a mask (face shield when appropriate) (Calling for attention of staff and customers)
- Ventilate spaces (such as opening two windows at the same time)
- Use partitions between each dining table or arrange a layout congruent to sitting side by side with a space of at least 1 meter, and 2 meters where possible, to avoid droplet contamination. As for counter table seating, secure appropriate distances between seats (at least 1 meter, and if possible 2 meters), or use partitions to avoid close contact setting.
- Avoid sitting arrangements of people facing each other, or place acrylic plastic partitions on each dining table.
- Fully ventilate individual dining rooms, etc.

Guidance for complying with guidelines at facilities with occurrence of the novel coronavirus infection

(Attachment 2)

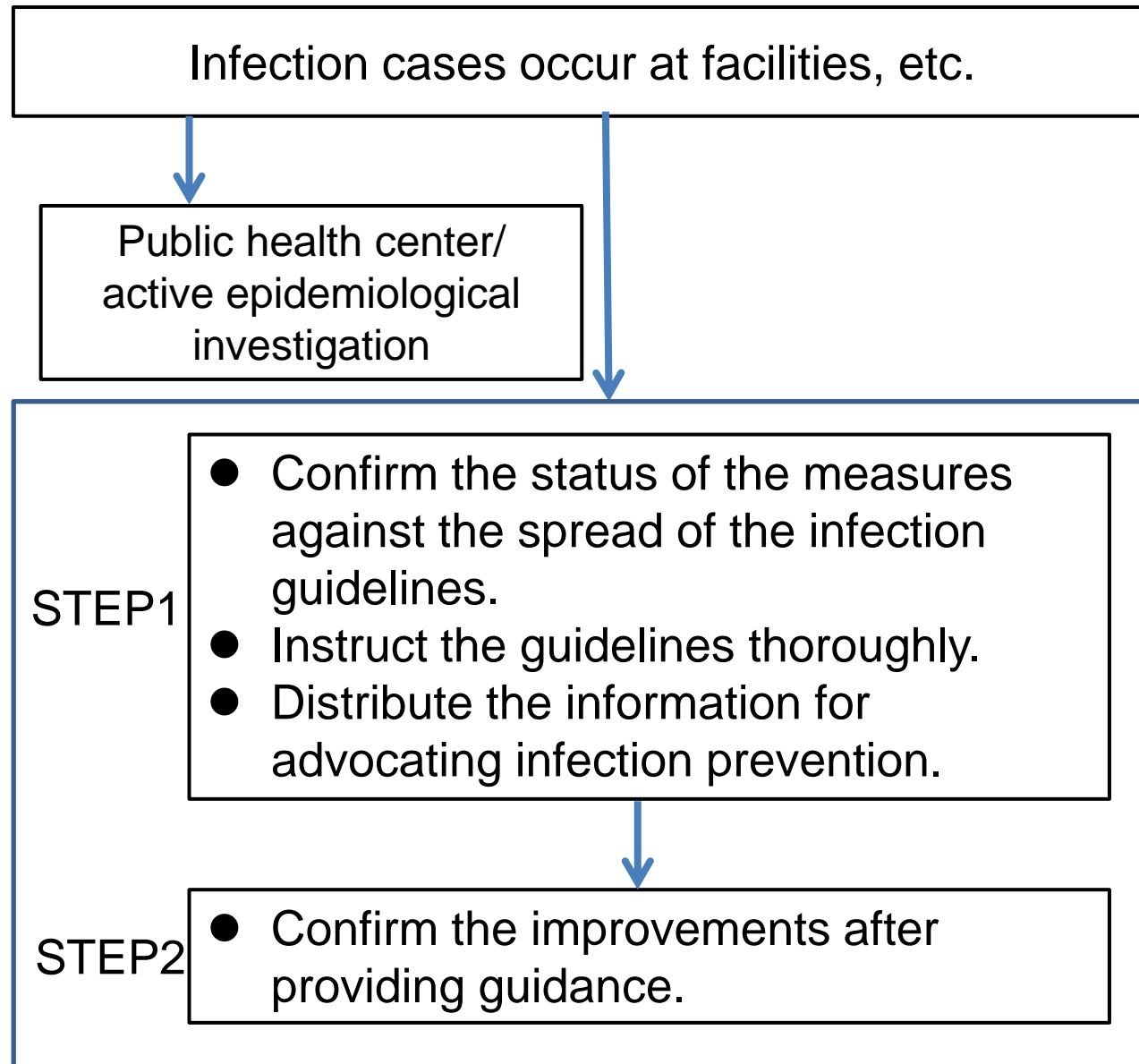
While researching the current situation regarding where infection cases occur, where cluster outbreaks have occurred, and where such clusters are likely to occur, we are providing thorough guidelines for the prevention and control of infections, and we are working with local municipals in line with the implementations for infection prevention.

1. Applicable facilities

Places where infection cases have occurred, and where cluster outbreaks are likely to occur or have already occurred

2. Support System

A dedicated team for preventing the spread of infection, consisting of Kyoto Prefectural officials by each regional promotion office.



● Number of hospital beds

End of March

68 beds



June 5th

431 beds



At present

263 beds

Temporarily reduced to avoid the overflow of local medical care facilities.

Considering the current spread of the infection, Kyoto Prefecture has asked to accept patients while adding beds for mild cases, securing a total of 490 beds (86 beds for serious cases)

● Medical care accommodation

April 15th onwards

Kyoto Heian Hotel
68 rooms

+

May 7th onward

Hotel Vischio Kyoto
270 rooms



2 hotels in total
338 rooms

Working on adding more hotels or accommodation facilities to match the current spread of infection