

Upcoming measures based on the spread of the COVID-19 infection cases

January 8th, 2021

Kyoto Prefectural Government

1 Request to declare a state of emergency

Based on the current situation regarding the spread of COVID-19 infection, Kyoto Prefecture will cooperate with Osaka and Hyogo prefectures to urge the central government to consider declaring a state of emergency in these prefectures.

2 Warning against Infection Spread by Kyoto Prefecture

January 8th – February 7th, 2021

A state of emergency was declared in Tokyo, Saitama, Chiba, and Kanagawa prefectures yesterday. In Kyoto Prefecture, the number of infected people per 100,000 people in the last week is at the same level as those four prefectures. The situation remains unpredictable and we must stay vigilant. Yesterday, 143 infections were confirmed, the highest number of infection cases ever in a day. On January 3rd, the number of patients with severe symptoms reached 21, highest so far. If the number of seriously ill patients reaches 30, our medical care system falls in a critical situation.

Considering the fact that many infected people are asymptomatic or experience only mild symptoms, we cannot deny that it is possible that more people are unknowingly infected and spreading the infection through their normal daily lives.

In order to halt the further spread of the infection and to prevent the situation in which normal medical care has to be suspended, the first priority is to suppress new infection cases, and we strongly request each one of the prefectural residents for self-restraint.

- 1 Refrain from outings
 - Refrain from non-essential outings to areas, even in your neighborhood or within Kyoto Prefecture.
- 2 Refrain from traveling from/to areas under the state of emergency
 - Refrain from traveling from/to Tokyo, Saitama, Chiba, and Kanagawa prefectures.
- 3 Refrain from going to work
 - Aim to let 50 percent of employees among companies work from home.
 - If teleworking is difficult due to the business category, avoid crowded situations in the workplace by staggering weekly holidays or taking leaves.
- 4 Implement thorough prevention measures of infection at eating and drinking opportunities
 - The request for shortening business hours to close at or before 9:00 pm at restaurants that serve alcoholic beverages in Kyoto City will be extended until February 7th.
 - Companies, universities, etc., refrain from holding dinner parties at restaurants.
 - Restaurants thoroughly comply with prevention guidelines, such as installing partitions, adequate ventilation, etc.
 - At home, refrain from dining, such as home parties, with friends except for family members or those who are usually with you.

3 Extension on request to shorten opening hours for restaurants and bars

- ① Area: Kyoto City
- ② Duration period: January 12th ~ February 7th, 2021
- ③ Content:

Types of business outlet	Request
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Restaurant businesses prone to close contact with customers, including hostess bars, bars, etc. • Restaurant businesses serving alcohol beverages, including bars, nightclubs, Karaoke parlors, Izakaya restaurants, beer parlor, etc.) 	<p>Open from 5am till 9pm</p>

- ④ Grant for outlet which follow the request for shortening opening hours

Grant	40,000 yen per outlet per day (excluding regular holidays)
Eligibility	<p>You are eligible for the subsidy if you meet all the following conditions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Small and medium sized companies/organizations or self-employed business owners engaging in the types of business listed above. ② Display the sticker created by the Guideline Promotional Kyoto Congress or comply with the guideline by industries. ③ Have been operational before the request is made (excluding outlets which close at or before 9pm) ④ Have been cooperative with requests for shortening business hours during the requested periods.

✂ The above contents are subject to change even during the requested period upon the declaration of the state of emergency.

4 Strengthening and enhancing medical consultation and testing system

Further enhance medical consultation and testing system according to the increase of the new infection cases.

① Consultation system

Assure the system where you can have a consultation, assessment and examination at your nearby medical institutions if you have symptoms such as a fever, as well as providing joint consultation services by Kyoto Prefecture and Kyoto City for those who seek medial advice during holidays and night time and for those who don't have a family doctor.

- Kyoto COVID-19 Medical Consultation Center (24 hours support)
- Simultaneous interpreting with multiple language service available (English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese and Spanish)

② Assessment and examination system

Enhance medical institutions that can offer consultation, assessment and examination for those who have a symptom such as a fever.

Medical institutions that can provide PCR testing

Clinics · Hospitals	682 places	}	total 739 places
Hospitals for close contact individuals	57 places		
Kyoto Testing Center	6 places		

③ System for hospitalization and recuperating at hotel accommodation or at home

Provide a sufficient medical care system under the inpatient medical control center to respond to the need for efficient hospitalizations and treatments for those who have contracted the virus.

Medical institutions which open to accept persons who have been infected the virus.

Inpatient beds	Available sick beds	720 beds
	Severely ill patients	86 beds
	Critically ill patients	30 beds
Hotel accommodation for recuperating patients		338 rooms

※ Additional hotel accommodations (488 rooms) will be operational from January 13th

Strengthening hospitalization control center

In order to provide early medical support, ① establish an infection control team to assess the status of hospitalization, recuperation at hotel accommodation or at home based on patient's symptoms while centrally managing all the information ② establish a hospitalization control team to coordinate hospitalizations and transferring between hospitals and ③ set up a hotel accommodation control team for recuperation.

Strengthening of the follow-up team for those recovering at home system

In order for patients to safely recover at home, ① provide life support (providing meals) and ② strengthen health management support (rent a pulse oximeter to check medical conditions and make consultation on medical conditions service accessible)

④ Promote infection prevention measures at medical institutions and care facilities for the elderly

- ① Prevent the infection at care facilities for the elderly
 - Request care facilities for the elderly to carry out emergency inspections and report the inspection results regarding infection prevention, and provide on-the-site guidance according to the situation.
- ② Prevent the spread of infection at care facilities for the elderly
 - If a cluster occurs at a medical institution or social welfare facility, promptly dispatch a support team consisting of doctors and others who specialize in an in-house infection to share the results among parties concerned and thoroughly prevent the spread of infection.