Mask rules and other related COVID-19 measures

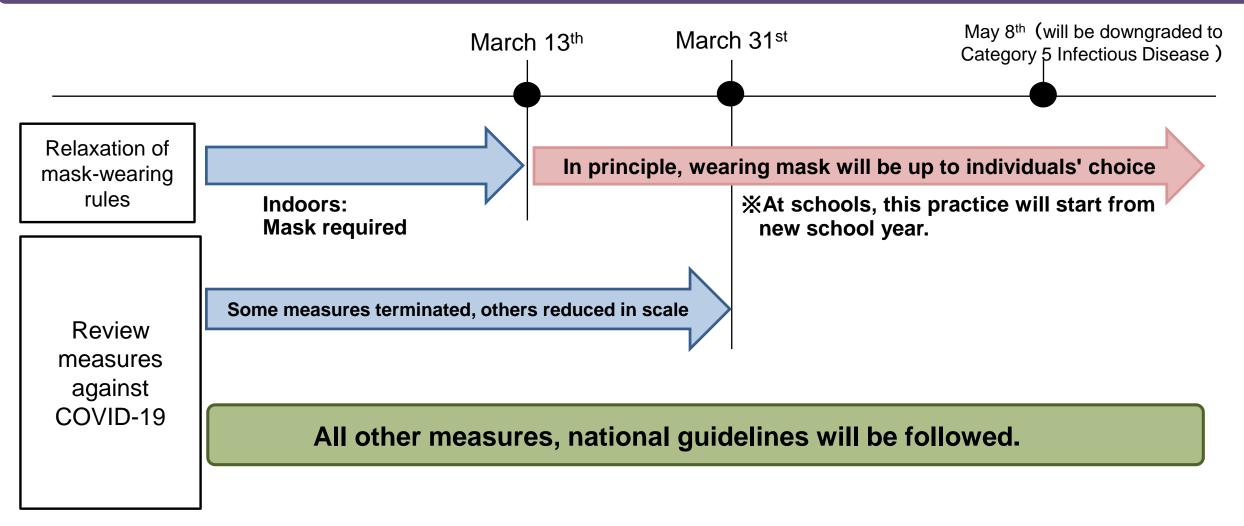


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Visualization for downgrading COVID-19 classification to Category 5



※ Whether or not to review the COVID-19 measures will be decided at the prefectural taskforce meeting.

Mask Use

Fundamental standards

Respect the individual's independent choice and leave up to them the decision to wearing a mask

Infection	Prever	ntion
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Wearing a mask is recommended

- Visiting a doctor/medical institution
- Spending time in a hospital or facility for the elderly
- In crowded areas such as public transport

Wearing a mask is effective

- When people at high risk of serious illness visit crowded places while the infection is spreading.
- (※) Elderly people, people with certain medical conditions and people who are pregnant
- ◆ For those who have symptoms, who have tested positive, or who live with family who have tested positive
 - →Wear a mask when you have to go out such as when seeking medical treatment, and avoid crowded areas

Mask Use (remarks)

- Essentially, it is up to the individua whether they wear a mask or not.
 - → Try not to force the choice of wearing a mask or not wearing a mask against the individual's decision.
- ◆ Children under 2 years old → Wearing mask is not recommended (No change)
 Children aged 2 years and over → No need to wear a mask. However, appropriate consideration should be provided for those who wish to wear a mask.
- From an infection prevention or business operation point of view;

It is permitted for business operators to set a requirement of wearing mask for users or employees to wear masks.

- *Regarding requirements for the certification system for restaurants an item of wearing a mask will be deleted.
- When the infection is actively spreading
 - → You may be asked to wear a mask temporally.

Kyoto Prefecture's COVID-19 measures

The following programs will be terminated or reduce their operations by the end of March.

Program	Status	Reasoning
Free testing for asymptomatic persons		Increase in availability and accessibility of testing kits
COVID-19 specific waiting sites for hospitalization	Will be terminated	Decrease in number of admissions Going forward, admissions will be widely accepted at medical institutes.
Vaccination sites operated by Kyoto Prefecture		Vaccination sites will be run by municipalities.
Recuperative accommodation	Will be reduced (From three facilities to one facility intensively)	Decrease in number of admissions

* The above will be decided officially at the taskforce meeting.