

Regarding the Renewed Spread of COVID-19

Gifu Prefecture is entering a phase of renewed spread of infection, with an increasing risk of a sudden explosion in the number of cases.

(1) Cases of infection within Gifu Prefecture are rising rapidly, and 2 of the indicators for relaxing restrictions set by the Prefecture have already been surpassed.

- 36 people have been infected since the State of Emergency Measures were lifted. 30 of these cases have occurred in July.
- The number of newly infected patients surpassed the indicator for relaxing restrictions for the first time in 80 days, and the number of cases where the route of infection is unknown for the first time in 91 days.

(2) Outbreaks are occurring in settings where the risk of spread of infection is high.

- Outbreaks in schools, medical institutions, welfare facilities, sex establishments, and so on.
- The first cluster outbreak at a senior high school in Japan.

(3) There is an inflow of COVID-19 from regions where case numbers are rising.

- Approximately half of the 36 people infected since the State of Emergency Measures were lifted tested positive after returning from the Kanto area, the Kansai area, or neighboring prefectures.

(4) There is an increasing risk of a sudden explosion in the number of cases.

- Many cases are originating from interactions at restaurants serving alcohol are occurring across Japan.
- There will be increased travel due to the 4-day weekend, summer and obon holidays, and the Go To Campaign.
Note: cases of infection rose suddenly after the 3-day weekend in March
- Gradual easing of entry restrictions to Japan in the future

To Prefectural Residents and Businesses

1 Please practice the following without exception

- Maintain distance from others, wear a mask, and wash your hands
- Avoid the “3 Cs”
- Monitor your health daily

2 Avoid infection risks and act with caution

- Avoid visiting regions with rising numbers of cases
- Avoid settings and behaviors which pose a particularly high risk of infection
 - E.g. drinking alcohol when eating out, conversing for an extended period of time without wearing a mask

3 Take responsibility for your own actions

- If you feel unwell, immediately cease going out, such as to school or work
- Register with the Prefecture’s QR Code Infection Alert System and the national government’s COVID-19 Contact-Confirming App (COCOA)

4 Businesses should thoroughly implement infection prevention measures

- Follow Guidelines for Working in a World with COVID-19 and other guidelines drawn up by industry groups
- Proactively display Gifu Prefecture’s sticker (“currently carrying out infection prevention measures”)