

Message from the Governor of Gifu Prefecture

March 27, 2020

At present, 16 individuals have tested positive for COVID-19 in Gifu Prefecture. 9 of these cases are part of a cluster outbreak in Kani City, and the number of cases may continue to rise.

In light of this situation, and as the Prefectural COVID-19 Response Headquarters met for the first time today in accordance with the revised Special Measures Law to Counter New Strains of Influenza, Gifu Prefecture has raised the warning level for COVID-19.

1) In order to protect the life and health of yourself and your family and bring about an early end to the spread of COVID-19, prefectural residents should adhere to the following requests without exception.

1. Refrain from non-essential, non-urgent outings.
2. Avoid places where the 3 conditions which increase the risk of spread (a closed space, a crowded space, situations where you converse at a close distance) are all met.

2) Gifu Prefecture will once again ensure that infection prevention measures such as disinfection and ventilation are strictly enforced at all prefecturally-owned facilities.

3) In response to the cluster outbreak in Kani City, in order to prevent further spread of infection, the 2 prefectural facilities in Kani City and Kawabe Town will be closed for 4 days until the end of March.

- ◆ Flower Festival Commemorative Park (Kani City)
(including the “*Kirin ga Kuru* Gifu Kani Taiga Drama Hall”)
- ◆ Kawabe Rowing Center (Kawabe Town)

4) With regards to Kani City and Kawabe Town, residents should adhere to the requests stated above in 1), and the municipal governments should revise and further strengthen their infection prevention measures.