

COVID-19 7th wave: Responding to the continued rapid spread of infection

Announcement of the strengthening of preventative measures against the BA.5 subvariant in Gifu Prefecture (Excerpt)

Implementation period: 5th of August – 4th September
Extension

The rapid spread of COVID-19 infection continues to be unstoppable. The number of people testing positive per day reached a record high on the 9th of August, with 4,725 new confirmed cases, and the number of new cases per 100,000 inhabitants had remained at a high level of over 1000 (total during a 7 day period). Notably, infection is spreading throughout the prefecture, and now amongst all age groups.

The rate of hospital admittance has remained above 50%. In addition, there is a significant impact on general medical care as well as COVID-19-related care.

In view of this situation, and based on the progress of preventative measures, the measures will be built upon while extending the implementation period. We therefore continue to ask for cooperation with the strengthening of preventative measures.

We ask that all prefectural residents fully abide by the basic preventative measures, as well as promptly putting the following measures into practice.

We ask all prefectural residents to cooperate with the following measures

- Prior to meeting the elderly or those with underlying health conditions, take a (free) COVID-19 test.
- Avoid crowded places and places with a high risk of infection.
- Limit the use of emergency care and ambulance services to when absolutely necessary.
- When suffering from symptoms, for example a sore throat or a fever, even if they are only mild, take action such as taking time off work or school.