

Governor's Message on the "Medical State of Crisis Declaration"

In Gifu Prefecture, we currently find ourselves amongst the biggest wave of infections yet as the cumulative total of infections reached 1,895 people up to December 24th and the number of daily infections reached a new high of 56 people on December 23rd and 24th.

In light of the pressing and critical situation facing the medical system within Gifu Prefecture and the resulting need to limit the number of new infections, we ask that you make yet further efforts in infection prevention measures in the New Years Period.

○ New Year Visits to Shrines (*Hatsu-mode*)

- Exercise self-restraint in avoiding visits to shrines in the first three days of the new year and consider measures such as delaying your visit by a week; many people visiting on the same days leads to crowdedness and an extremely high risk of infection

○ Youth Measures

- We request that you avoid travelling to Aichi Prefecture to the greatest extent possible
- Eat & drink in small numbers with people you are normally with and exercise self-restraint in avoiding end-of-year parties, countdowns, new year parties and drinking parties with friends

We ask for your cooperation in coming together as "all Gifu" in thoroughly implementing infection prevention measures over the New Years Period in order to ensure that we can welcome a peaceful new year and a bright & cheerful spring period.