

Notice about COVID-19 Response (As of March 19)

We would like to inform you that the Fukuoka Prefectural Government have decided to lift the requests to prefectural residents and businesses to refrain from unnecessary outings and shorten business hours for restaurants and bars on Sunday, March 21.

**○What are the measures to be taken by Fukuoka Prefectural Government?**

Based on the current infection situation and the medical institutions, we've inquired experts, and they suggested that the current requests to refrain from unnecessary outings and shortening business hours may be lifted, on the premise that thorough infection prevention practices in elderly care facilities are important in improving the current situation and that necessary measures will be promptly taken if signs of the reemergence of infections become evident.

Even after the request has been lifted, the prefectural government will take the following measures to prevent a reemergence of infections.

Infection Prevention Measures

- **Prevention of clusters occurring at elderly care facilities**
 - Promotion of PCR test to staff
- **Measures against restaurants and bars (especially related to daytime Karaoke)**
 - Entry, guidance and advice to stores displaying infection prevention stickers

Maintain and strengthen the medical institutions

- Revise the plan for securing hospital beds and **acquire additional beds**

Facilitate the smooth implementation of vaccination

- Promote vaccination to medical personnel, etc.
- Provide support to municipalities for vaccinating their residents.

Prevent clusters in elderly care facilities, we will continue to implement PCR testing programs for staff and encourage them to take the test, as well as reiterated our calls for thorough infection prevention practices, even at day-care facilities.


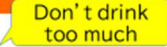
In addition, as a countermeasure against restaurants and bars, especially daytime karaoke establishments where clusters occur, the prefectural government will visit establishments displaying the infection prevention stickers from Monday, March 22 onward to check their infection prevention measures and provide guidance and advice on an unannounced basis.

In preparation for the wave of infections, based on the response policy of the national government we will review the current plan for securing hospital beds and maintain and strengthen medical institutions by securing additional hospital beds, etc., consult with medical professionals and municipalities.

As for vaccination, we will promote vaccination for medical personnel, etc., and strive for smooth implementation by supporting municipalities to vaccinate residents.

○Requests to prefectural residents and businesses

We would like to ask for the cooperation of the prefectural residents and businesses on the following matters from Monday, March 22 onward, so that we can prevent a rebound of infections that will affect society, without having to ask people to refrain from outings or shortening business hours again.

Request To All Prefectural Residents	
Restaurant use (including dinners at private homes, etc.)	<p>Small groups and within 2 hours</p> <p>Wear a mask and don't speak loudly</p> <p>Restaurant that display this sticker </p> <p>Don't drink too much </p>
Outings	<p>Check the infection status of your destination and the infection prevention measures of the facilities you will use.</p> <p>Choose a time and place that is not crowded</p>
Spring Events	<p>No graduation trips, no thank-you parties, no welcome and farewell parties.</p> <p>Do not go to cherry blossom viewing parties.</p>

To all prefectural residents,

- Going to restaurants should be limited to a small number of people and spend no more than two hours. Do not drink heavily, wear a mask when talking, and avoid speaking in loud voices. Please do the same for gatherings with meals at private homes, etc.
- Choose a restaurant that display the “infection prevention” stickers, is not crowded, has adequate ventilation, sufficient distance between seats, and thorough infection prevention measures such as installing acrylic panels to prevent droplets from spreading.
- When going out or traveling, please check the infection status of your destination and the infection prevention measures of the facility you are using, and choose a time and place that is not crowded. Please refrain from going out or traveling, if you have symptoms such as fever.

There will be many events during this season. Please refrain from graduation trips, thank-you parties, welcome and farewell parties, and no cherry blossom viewing parties.

We would like to request all restaurants and bars to do the following.

- We would like you to encourage visitors to keep the number of visitors small and the length of stay within two hours.
- Thoroughly implement infection prevention practices in accordance with industry-specific guidelines, and clearly indicate that efforts are being made by displaying "infection prevention" stickers, etc.

Request To All Restaurants And Bar

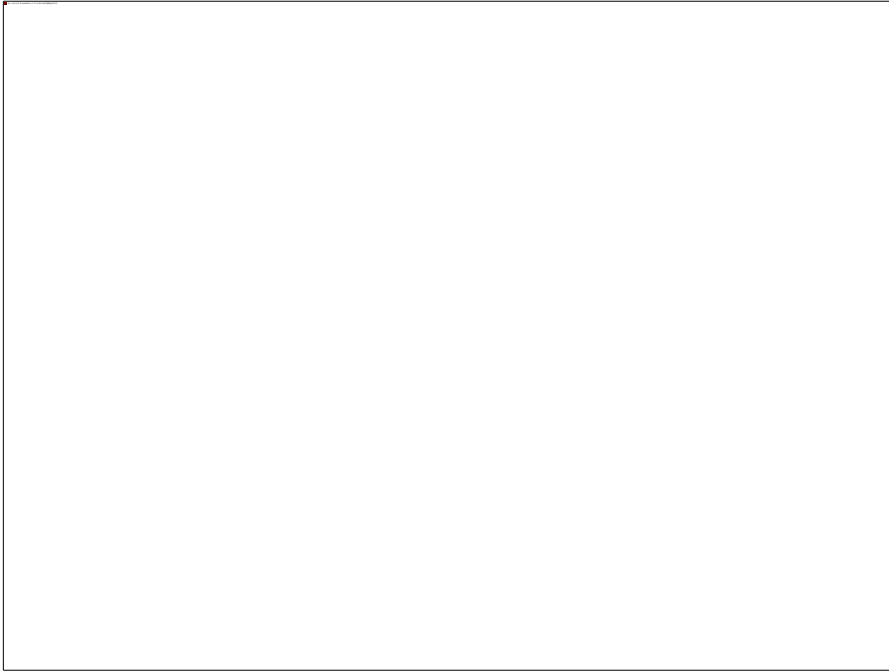
● Encourage visitors to stay in small groups and for no more than two hours.

● Thoroughly implement infection prevention measures in accordance with industry-specific guidelines.

● Displaying of “Infection Prevention” sticker



We would also like to request businesses to continue teleworking and staggered work hours.



Lastly, we would like to continue to work together with the prefectural residents and businesses to help society to win the battle against COVID-19. We ask for your understanding and cooperation.