

A Message from the Mayor of Izumo City

A Request to All City Residents as Semi-Emergency Infection Prevention Measures End

To the people of Izumo City,

As of February 20th, Shimane Prefecture has lifted its Semi-Emergency Infection Prevention Measures. While these measures were in place, Izumo City implemented a variety of restrictions to prevent the spread of infection, and I would like to sincerely thank all city residents for their cooperation during this time. Starting today, the city will change its measures as described on the bottom half of this page.

Though the Semi-Emergency Infection Prevention Measures have ended, the virus is still spreading. As people feel more at ease due to the relaxation of these measures, it is possible that infection numbers will continue to rise henceforth.

We are currently moving forward with the vaccine's third dose, an effective means to prevent the spread of infection. Vaccination coupons are being sent to each city resident in order based on the timing of their second dose. If you wish to take a third dose, please make an appointment as soon as possible once you receive your coupon.

I urge all city residents to stay aware of the current sense of crisis. We must all continue to be thorough in our basic prevention measures, including wearing masks, washing hands with soap, and properly ventilating spaces. These actions help to protect the lives and the health of our families, ourselves, and all those important to us.

Changes to Measures Implemented by Izumo City:

1. End to Temporary Closures and Usage Restrictions at City-Owned Facilities

As of today, operations will resume at city-owned facilities as they carry out thorough infection prevention measures.

However, municipal school facilities, such as gymnasiums and schoolyards, will remain closed until Thursday, March 3rd.

2. City-Run Events and Conferences

Cancellations, rescheduling, and restrictions will be determined on a case-by-case basis, taking current infection numbers into consideration.

Events taking place will continue to enforce thorough prevention measures.

3. Measures Taken by the Board of Education

Club activities at junior high schools are suspended until Thursday, March 3rd.

4. Measures Taken by Municipal Kindergartens, Authorized Daycare Centers, and Other Childcare Facilities

Parents and guardians no longer need to refrain from bringing their children to kindergarten or daycare.

5. Establishment of a Health Consultation Hotline

As before, calling 0853-21-6351 will connect you to a consultation service located in the city's Health Services Division.

6. Regarding Tourism Campaigns

1. The distribution of Izumo Tourism Support Coupons (*izumo no kankō ōen kūpon*) will resume as of today.
2. Lodging reservation websites will resume offering discounted rates for new reservations as of Monday, March 7th.

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