

A Message from the Mayor of Izumo City

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

To the people of Izumo City,

The national government has decided to implement Semi-Emergency Infection Prevention Measures in an additional 18 prefectures, including Shimane Prefecture, from January 27th to February 20th.

The rapid spread of infection within Shimane Prefecture, and the rising number of sick and recuperating patients, may well lead to difficulties in the medical care system. Because of this, all municipalities within the prefecture, including Izumo City, are also starting Semi-Emergency Infection Prevention Measures.

Today, our city's infection measures committee held a meeting, and in order to prevent the further spread of infection, decided to implement the measures listed below, in effect until February 20th.

You can view detailed information about our Izumo City's measures on a special page linked on the city homepage. The page is in Japanese, and a machine translation function is available.

Though these various restrictions will pose inconveniences for city residents, we need everyone to work together in order to put a stop to critical infection levels. Once again, I ask for your comprehension of and collaboration with measures to prevent infection, and for you to be thorough in basic infection prevention measures such as washing your hands, wearing masks, and ventilating indoor spaces well.

Measures Implemented by Izumo City:

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

1. Temporary Closures 54 Facilities
2. Usage Restrictions 12 Facilities
3. Entry Restrictions 8 Facilities

2. Cancellation of Events and Conferences

Some events will be delayed or cancelled.

3. Measures Taken by the Board of Education

Club activities at junior high schools are suspended.

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

Parents and guardians are being asked not to bring their children to kindergarten or daycare if at all possible.

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. Izumo Tourism Support Coupons (*izumo no kankō ōen*) will no longer be distributed.
2. Lodging reservation websites will stop offering discounted rates for new reservations.

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