

## **Okinawa Prefectural Response Policy in Accordance with the Designation of "Priority Measures to Prevent the Spread of Disease"**

**[Period] April 12 (Monday) - May 5 (Wednesday), 2012**

Due to the rapid increase in the number of new positive cases, on April 9, the national government designated our prefecture as applicable for the "Priority Measures to Prevent the Spread of Disease", which will be in effect from April 12 to May 5.

Okinawa Prefecture has designated nine cities on the main island of Okinawa as areas for Priority Measures to Prevent the Spread of Disease, while at the same time taking infection prevention measures throughout the prefecture. As of April 22, based on the situation of viral spread in Miyakojima City, it has been added to areas for Priority Measures to Prevent the Spread of Disease and infection prevention measures have been strengthened.

Municipalities and related organizations are requested to cooperate in taking measures to prevent the spread of infection and raise awareness about them among the citizens of the prefecture.

\* The request for restaurants in the Naha, central, and southern areas of Okinawa to shorten their hours to 9:00 p.m. will end on April 11, and a new request for all municipalities to shorten their hours to 8:00 p.m. will begin on April 12.

**Measures in Accordance with the Designation of "Priority Measures to Prevent the Spread of Disease" April 12 (Monday) - May 5 (Wednesday)**

## **Requests to Prefectural Residents (In all areas of the Prefecture)**

**【Special Measures Act, Article 24, Paragraph 9: Request for Cooperation】  
【Special Measures Act, Article 31-6, Paragraph 1: Order, Requests  
Subject to Administrative Fine, etc.】**

- **Refrain from all non-essential and non-emergency outings and travel. (Article 24, Paragraph 9)**
- **Take action to avoid crowded places and times. (Article 24, Paragraph 9)**
- **Refrain from all non-essential and non-emergency travel to and from outside the prefecture. (Article 24, Paragraph 9)**
- **Refrain from all non-essential and non-emergency travel to and from outer islands. (Article 24, Paragraph 9)**
- **Refrain from going to restaurants, etc. after shortened business hours. (Article 24, Paragraph 9, Article 31-6, Paragraph 2)**
- **Refrain from holding events where food and drink will be served, such as welcome parties, Moai (social support groups), beach parties, etc. (Article 24, Paragraph 9)**
- **Group dining should be done only with family members to whom which you live with, in small groups, and for short amounts of time. Please refrain from using restaurants that have not taken thorough infection prevention measures. (Article 24, Paragraph 9)**
- **Proactively cooperate with infection prevention measures required by restaurants. (Article 24, Paragraph 9)**

\*Visitors are reminded that the national government's basic policy calls for restraint in going out in each prefecture and urges careful consideration in timing of trips back to one's home town and general travel.

# Requests to Restaurants in Designated Areas

(Naha City, Urasoe City, Ginowan City, Okinawa City, Uruma City, Itoman City, Tomigusuku City, Nanjo City, Nago City, Miyakojima City)

[Request for Cooperation in Shortening Business Hours] (Special Measures Act, Article 31-6, Paragraph 1; Special Measures Act, Article 24, Paragraph 9)

<b>Period</b>	<b>April 12 (Mon), 2021 (*Miyakojima City from April 24) - May 5 (Wed), 2021</b>
<b>Applicable Facilities</b>	Restaurants and entertainment facilities that serve food and drink.*
<b>Details of the Requests</b>	<p><b><u>(Based on Article 31-6, Paragraph 1 of the Special Measures Act)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Shorten business hours from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Excluding takeout and delivery) (Alcoholic beverages are served only from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)</li> <li>● Ensure that all patrons wear masks, and prohibit the entry of patrons who do not comply without valid reason. (Including ejection from the premises)</li> <li>● Installation of acrylic panels, etc.</li> <li>● In addition to the above, the measures stipulated in each Item of Article 5-5, Paragraph 1 of the Order for Enforcement of the Special Measures Act. (Encourage employees to get tested, regulate and organize entering patrons, prohibit the entry of those with a fever or showing symptoms, install hand sanitizing equipment, disinfect offices, and ventilate facilities)</li> </ul> <p><b><u>(Based on Article 24, Paragraph 9 of the Special Measures Act)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Cooperation with the prefectural government's inspection program to promote infection prevention measures.</li> <li>● Thorough ventilation, temperature checks for patrons.</li> <li>● Thorough compliance with industry-specific guidelines.</li> <li>● Refrain from using karaoke equipment. (stores that mainly function as restaurants but also have karaoke equipment)</li> </ul>

\*Entertainment facilities (etc.) are: Cabaret, nightclubs, live houses, snack bars, dancehalls, pubs, (etc.) that possess a restaurant business license under the Food Sanitation Act.

# Requests to all Restaurants in the Prefecture Located Outside of Designated Areas.

[Request for Cooperation in Shortening Business Hours] (Special Measures Act, Article 24, Paragraph 9)

<b>Period</b>	<b>April 12 (Mon), 2021 - May 5 (Wed), 2021 (*Miyakojima City until April 23)</b>
<b>Applicable Facilities</b>	Restaurants and entertainment facilities that serve food and drink*.
<b>Details of the Requests</b>	<p><b><u>(Based on Article 24, Paragraph 9 of the Special Measures Act)</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● <b>Shorten business hours from 5:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. (Excluding takeout and delivery) (Alcoholic beverages are served only from 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.)</b></li> <li>● Cooperation with the prefectural government's inspection program to promote infection prevention measures</li> <li>● Ensure that all patrons wear masks, and prohibit the entry of patrons who do not comply without valid reason. (Including ejection from the premises)</li> <li>● Installation of acrylic panels, etc.</li> <li>● In addition to the above, the measures stipulated in each Item of Article 5-5, Paragraph 1 of the Order for Enforcement of the Special Measures Act. (Encourage employees to get tested, regulate and organize entering patrons, prohibit the entry of those with a fever or showing symptoms, install hand sanitizing equipment, disinfect offices, and ventilate facilities)</li> <li>● Thorough ventilation, temperature checks for patrons.</li> <li>● Thorough compliance with industry-specific guidelines</li> <li>● Refrain from using karaoke equipment (stores that mainly function as restaurants but also have karaoke equipment)</li> </ul>

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## Requests When Holding Events (Throughout the Prefecture)

(Special Measures Act, Article 24, Paragraph 9)

- Event organizers are requested to thoroughly comply with industry-specific guidelines and to thoroughly implement tracking measures, such as the utilization of the national governments Contact-Confirming Application (COCOA) and the LINE application based close contact notification system recommended by the prefecture (RICCA), and creation of a list of participants.
- Consult with the prefecture in advance regarding the requirements for holding events that involve nationwide travel or more than 1,000 participants.
- If the nationwide spread of infections or clusters at events occur and the national government changes the industry-specific guidelines or criteria for the capacity and number of participants, the regulations can be changed in accordance with the national government.
- Requirements for holding an event are as follows. (Provided appropriate infection prevention measures are taken)

Period	Capacity		Number of Participants
5 April to 5 May	<b>Events assumed to be free of loud cheering/shouting</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Events such as a classical music concert, play, dance, traditional performing arts, performing arts/shows, public performances/ceremonies, exhibitions/ events</li> <li>• Events where food and drink is served but without shouting (*2)</li> </ul>	<b>Events expected to have loud cheering/shouting.</b> Rock and pop concerts, sports events, public races/competitions, performances, live music house and nightclub events, etc.	<b>Less than 5,000 people</b>
	<b>100% or less (Appropriate space between persons must be secured if there are no seats)</b>	<b>50% or less( *1) (Enough space between persons must be secured if there are no seats)</b>	

1: There must be one vacant seat between different groups. Among the same group of 5 or less, vacant seats are not necessary and in that case, capacity condition of 50% can be exceeded.

2: "Events with meals during the event" can be treated as those "assumed to be free of loud cheering/shouting" as long as the necessary infection prevention measures are taken and there is no shouting during the event.

## **Requests to the Business Community (For all Areas of the Prefecture)**

(Special Measures Act,  
Article 24, Paragraph 9)

- Request employees to refrain from going to restaurants, etc. after shortened business hours.
- Due to the occurrence of cluster infections at the workplace, please make sure that thorough measures are taken to prevent infection, including during break periods.
- Request employees to refrain from holding events, such as social gatherings during training periods, welcome parties, Moa (social support group meetings), beach parties, etc.
- In order to "reduce in person employee attendance by 70%.", promote telework. In workplaces where in person attendance is necessary, promote initiatives such as a rotating employee work schedule, staggered working hours, and bicycle commuting, etc.
- Tourism-related businesses are requested to ensure that visitors thoroughly follow the "New Lifestyle" and "New Travel Etiquette," such as wearing masks, washing and disinfecting their hands frequently, and avoiding the Three Cs (closed space, crowded places, and close-contact settings).
- Thoroughly comply with industry-specific guidelines.

## **Requests to Schools (For all Areas of the Prefecture)**

(Special Measures Act, Article 24, Paragraph 9)

- Thoroughly monitor the health of students at home, and have them refrain from attending school if they are not feeling well.
- Thoroughly implement infection prevention measures in club activities, extracurricular activities, and student dormitories.
- Ensure compliance with guidelines set by the Prefectural Board of Education, etc.

## **Appeals to Facilities (For all Areas of the Prefecture)**

- It is requested that prefectural public facilities, such as museums, art museums, and athletic facilities, continue to operate while taking thorough measures to prevent infections. However facilities are asked to operate only until 8:00 p.m. It is also requested that municipal public facilities take the same measures as prefectural facilities.
- For facilities other than restaurants, such as sports facilities, gaming parlors, movie theaters, etc. stipulated in Article 11, Paragraph 1 of the Order for Enforcement of the Special Measures Act. Taking into account the necessity to thoroughly restrict non-essential and non-emergency outings and to prevent people from gathering in facilities, leading to eating and drinking, etc., we ask that you work to regulate and organize entering patrons and reduce business hours until 8:00 p.m.

# Prefectural Initiatives

## ① Infection Prevention Measures Certification System Project

### 1. Purpose

- (1) To support the business environment of a “with corona” society. (Spreading awareness about and thorough implementation of infection prevention measures in stores)
- (2) Fostering awareness among prefectural residents and tourists to use stores that take up a “with corona” response.

### 2. Procedures for Certification

- (1) Phase 1 April 12, 2021 (Monday) - May 5, 2021 (Wednesday) : Inspection and guidance by prefectural officials.  
(Notification of the certification system, confirmation of the national government's 4 criteria for restaurant selection)
- (2) Phase 2 Mid-May 2021 – : Inspection and guidance by private contractors. (infection prevention measures check)
- (3) Certify stores based on infection prevention measure checks and give them stickers.

### 3. Target Stores

- Restaurants throughout the prefecture (Approx. 12,000 stores)

### 4. Mid- to Long-term Initiatives

Based on the implementation status of the intensive implementation period, after verifying the inspection system and the contents of guidance, etc., our plan is to establish a prefecture-wide and sustainable inspection guidance system through the utilization private contractors, etc., and gradually expand the scope of target facilities.

### 5. Characteristics of Okinawa Prefecture

- (1) Visits to all restaurants for which the request for shortened hours is applicable to provide guidance and give certification stickers after checking their infection prevention measures.
- (2) Inspection and guidance will be conducted even after certification stickers are given.