

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

【Timeframe】 April 12th (Mon) - May 31st (Mon) ~~11th (Tue)~~

In accordance with the increase in positive cases from the end of March, on April 9th, the National Government designated our Prefecture as applicable for the “Priority Measures to Prevent the Spread of Disease.” On May 7th, it was decided to change the period of “Priority Measures to Prevent the Spread of Disease” to “April 12th, 2021 - May 31st, 2021”.

Because the status of infections in Okinawa Prefecture is now in level 4 of viral spread, in response to the new threat of a change to a variant strain, and to prevent the collapse of the medical system. In addition to adding Ishigaki City to the designated areas, we will extend measures such as requesting restaurants to shorten their business hours until May 31, and will change the Prefectural response policy with the aim of lowering the warning level to level 3.

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

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 2: Priority Measures Request】

- **Refrain from all non-essential and non-emergency outings and travel. (Article 24, Paragraph 9)**

We request that except for tasks necessary to maintain your livelihood and health, such as: hospital visits, shopping for food, medicines, daily necessities, going to work, to refreshing your mind/body, or exercise/going for a walk that you refrain from any outings.

- **Take action to avoid crowded places and times. (Article 24, Paragraph 9)**

Even when going out to maintain your livelihood and health, please avoid crowded areas.

- **Refrain from unnecessarily going to restaurants, etc. after shortened business hours. (Article 24, Paragraph 9, Article 31-6, Paragraph 2)**

We are requesting that all restaurants throughout Okinawa Prefecture shorten their business hours until 8:00 p.m. We also request to strictly refrain from using restaurants that do not comply with this request. In addition, please strictly refrain from using restaurants where infection measures are not thoroughly taken. (Example: Staff not wearing masks, no equipment for hand sanitization, bad ventilation, narrow space between seats, no acrylic sheets set up, no requests for wearing masks or temperate checks when entering, etc.)

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

【Special Measures Act, Article 24, Paragraph 9: Request for Cooperation】

- **Refrain from drinking alcohol in groups on the street/in parks. (Article 24, Paragraph 9)**

As it is an activity with a high risk of infection, please refrain from drinking alcohol in groups on the street or in parks.

- **Refrain from holding events where food and drink will be served, such as welcome parties, Moai (social support group meetings), beach parties, etc. (Article 24, Paragraph 9)**

We have confirmed many cases of infection related to dining. We have also confirmed cases of infection at outdoor barbecues, so please refrain from all events with group dining during this period.

- **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)**

Please cooperate with the infection prevention measures required by businesses such as temperature checks, wearing a mask, and proper spacing between seats.

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

【Special Measures Act, Article 24, Paragraph 9: Request for Cooperation】

- **Refrain from all non-essential and non-emergency travel to and from outside the prefecture. (Article 24, Paragraph 9)**

In particular, please strictly refrain from traveling to and from areas where infections are spreading, such as those where a State of Emergency has been declared. In the case that you need to travel to or from such an area for business (etc.), avoid group dining when there, and for the week upon your return to Okinawa, as a health observation period, please refrain from eating with people other than your family.

- **Refrain from all non-essential and non-emergency travel to and from outer islands. (Article 24, Paragraph 9)**

Requests to Visitors (In all areas of the Prefecture)

Under the National Government's basic response policy, it is requested that travel between Prefectures that is non-essential and non-emergency, and in particular, travel to and from areas where infections are spreading, such as those where a State of Emergency has been declared be strictly refrained from.

As the Prefecture needs to prevent the influx of variant strains, we request for strict refrain from returning home from/coming to Okinawa, from areas where a State of Emergency has been declared or where Priority Measures to Prevent the Spread of Disease are applicable.

If it is necessary for you to come to Okinawa, please make sure to have tested negative by PCR test before entering the Prefecture. In addition, for those who are unable to take a PCR test in advance, we have established a system called "NAPP" where one can take a PCR test upon their arrival at Naha Airport.

Further, after your arrival in Okinawa, please refrain from any group dining with the Prefectural residents.

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, Chatan Town, Nishihara Town, Yonabaru Town, Haeburu Town, and Yaese Town, **Ishigaki City**)

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

<p>Timeframe</p>	<p>April 12th (Mon), 2021 (*Miyakojima City from April 24th, Chatan Town, Nishihara Town, Yonabaru Town, Haeburu Town, and Yaese Town from May 1, Ishigaki City from May 12th) Until May 31st (Mon), 2021</p>
<p>Applicable Facilities</p>	<p>Restaurants and entertainment facilities that serve food and drink.*</p>
<p>Details of the Requests</p>	<p><u>Based on Article 31-6, Paragraph 1 of the Special Measures Act: Order, Request Subject to Administrative Fine)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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.) ● Ensure that all patrons wear masks, and prohibit the entry of patrons who do not comply without valid reason. (Including ejection from the premises) ● Installation of acrylic panels (or at least 1 meter space between seats) , (etc.) ● 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) ● Refrain from using karaoke equipment. (stores that mainly function as restaurants but also have karaoke equipment) <p><u>(Based on Article 24, Paragraph 9 of the Special Measures Act: Cooperation Request)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Cooperation with the Prefectural government's inspection program to promote infection prevention measures. ● Thorough ventilation, temperature checks for patrons, and compliance with industry-specific guidelines. ● Posting that alcoholic beverages cannot be offered to customers who, outside of when eating or drinking, do not cooperate in mask wearing.

*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)

Timeframe	April 12th (Mon), 2021 - May 31st (Mon), 2021
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Details of the Requests	<p><u>(Based on Article 24, Paragraph 9 of the Special Measures Act: Cooperation Request)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 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.) ● Cooperation with the Prefectural government's inspection program to promote infection prevention measures ● Ensure that all patrons wear masks, and prohibit the entry of patrons who do not comply without valid reason. (Including ejection from the premises) ● Installation of acrylic panels (or at least 1 meter space between seats) , (etc.) ● 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) ● Thorough ventilation, temperature checks for patrons. ● Thorough compliance with industry-specific guidelines ● Refrain from using karaoke equipment (stores that mainly function as restaurants but also have karaoke equipment) ● Posting that alcoholic beverages cannot be offered to customers who, outside of when eating or drinking, do not cooperate in mask wearing.

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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)

Timeframe	Capacity		Number of Participants
April 12 th to May 31 st	Events assumed to be free of loud cheering/shouting <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Events such as a classical music concert, play, dance, traditional performing arts, performing arts/shows, public performances/ceremonies, exhibitions/ events • Events where food and drink is served but without shouting (*2) 	Events expected to have loud cheering/shouting. Rock and pop concerts, sports events, public races/competitions, performances, live music house and nightclub events, etc.	Less than 5,000 people
	100% or less (Appropriate space between persons must be secured if there are no seats)	50% or less(*1) (Enough space between persons must be secured if there are no seats)	

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.

Request that business hours be from 5:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. (Cooperation request not based on the Special Measures Act)

Requests for Cooperation in Infection Prevention Measures at Largescale Facilities

(Designated Areas) (Naha City, Urasoe City, Ginowan City, Okinawa City, Uruma City, Itoman City, Tomigusuku City, Nanjo City, Nago City, Miyakojima City, Chatan Town, Nishihara Town, Yonabaru Town, Haeburu Town, and Yaese Town, Ishigaki City)

Timeframe	<u>May 14th 2021 (Fri) to May 31st 2021(Mon)</u>
Target Facilities (Enforcement of the Special Measures Act, Article 11)	Details of the Cooperation Request
Theatres, viewing areas, movie theaters, and performance halls (No.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Total floor area over 1,000m²: Business hours requested to be shortened until 9:00 p.m. *Special Measures Act, Article 24, Paragraph 9 ● Total floor area of 1,000m² or less : Business hours encouraged to be shortened until 9:00 p.m. <p>*Until 8:00p.m. except when holding events</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● We encourage the regulation of entry and the publication of your doing so on your homepage.
Assembly halls or public halls (No. 5)	
Exhibition halls, rental conference rooms (No. 6)	
Hotels and Ryokan (limited to areas used for meetings) (No. 8)	
Stores that sell goods (large retail stores, shopping centers (excluding daily necessities such as food, clothing, medicine and fuel) (No.7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Total floor area over 1,000m²: Business hours requested to be shortened until 8:00 p.m. *Special Measures Act, Article 24, Paragraph 9 ● Total floor area of 1,000m² or less : Business hours encouraged to be shortened until 8:00 p.m. ● We encourage the regulation of entry and the publication of your doing so on your homepage.
Gyms, athletic facilities such as pools (etc..), entertainment facilities (No. 9)	
Museums, Art Museums (No. 10)	
Entertainment Facilities* (No. 11)	
Stores that sell services (excluding daily necessities such as hairdressers and dry cleaners) (No. 12)	

*Among entertainment facilities, those that possess a restaurant business license under the Food Sanitation Act are applicable for the requests to restaurants. Internet cafes, manga cafes, and other facilities that are expected to be considerably used for long-term overnight stays are not subject to the request. Facilities subject to restrictions on the holding of events shall comply with the requirements for holding events. (Cooperation Request)

Requests for Cooperation in Infection Prevention Measures at Largescale Facilities

Outside Designated Areas

Timeframe	<u>May 14th 2021 (Fri) to May 31st 2021(Mon)</u>
Target Facilities (Enforcement of the Special Measures Act, Article 11)	Details of the Cooperation Request
Theatres, viewing areas, movie theaters, and performance halls (No.4)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Business hours encouraged to be shortened until 9:00 p.m. *Business hours encouraged to be shortened until 8:00 p.m. except when holding events. ● We encourage the regulation of entry and the publication of your doing so on your homepage.
Assembly halls or public halls (No. 5)	
Exhibition Halls, rental conference rooms (No. 6)	
Hotels and Ryokan (limited to areas used for meetings) (No. 8)	
Stores that sell goods (large retail stores, shopping centers (excluding daily necessities such as food, clothing, medicine and fuel) (No.7)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Business hours encouraged to be shortened until 8:00 p.m. ● We encourage the regulation of entry and the publication of your doing so on your homepage.
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Requests to the Business Community (For all Areas of the Prefecture)

(Special Measures Act,
Article 24, Paragraph 9)

- Request that your company's employees refrain from going to restaurants unnecessarily, etc. after the 8:00 p.m. shortened business hours. Specifically refrain from using restaurants that do not comply with the request to shorten business hours.
- Due to the occurrence of cluster infections at the workplace, Make sure that employees thoroughly observe their health (taking temperature when arriving at work) and please make sure that thorough measures are taken to prevent infection, including during break periods and during group living situations such as employee dormitories.
- Request employees to refrain from holding events, such as social gatherings during training periods, welcome parties, Moe (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.
- Restricting or refraining from activities at high risk of infection during clubs or extracurricular activities (during this period, do not hold any practice matches or training camps inside or outside the prefecture, etc.)
- Ensure compliance with guidelines set by the Prefectural Board of Education, etc.

Initiatives at Public 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.
- In order to avoid actions with a high risk of infection, such as drinking in groups on the streets and in parks, etc., we request facility managers to caution against doing so.

Request to Public Transportation (For all Areas of the Prefecture)

- We request that public transportation perform temperature checks at major terminals.

Implementation of Initiatives in Cooperation with Municipalities

- Raising awareness about infection prevention measure among local residents through use of public information vehicles and disaster warning systems, (etc.), and calling for cooperation from residents' associations, etc.
- Cooperation with restaurant inspections. (calls for infection prevention measures, calls for cooperation with requests to shorten business hours)
- Initiatives as facility or park (etc.) managers. (Including cautioning on the street and in parks)
- Notification of how to receive treatment when one has a fever. (fever consultation call center 098-866-2129, requests for refrain in non-essential and non-emergency visits)