

Okinawa Prefecture State of Emergency Declaration

(Dates : January 20, 2021 - February 7, 2021)

Requests to Okinawan Residents, Businesses, and Visitors**1. Requests for Restraint in Going Out**

In principle, we request that you not go out except for tasks necessary to maintain your livelihood and health, such as: hospital visits, shopping for food, medicines, daily necessities, going to work, outdoor exercise, going for a walk. In particular, refrain from non-essential and non-emergency outings after 8 p.m.

2. Requests to Shorten Business Hours

For all municipalities within the prefecture, we request that restaurants and entertainment facilities shorten their business hours as follows. Businesses who cooperate with said request will receive a compliance subsidy at each location for the entire target period.

- 1.) Target Municipalities: All municipalities
- 2.) Business Hours: From 5am to 8pm (with alcohol being served only from 11am to 7pm)
- 3.) Target Business Types: Restaurants and entertainment facilities (etc.)
- 4.) Period of Request: January, 22(Friday) - February, 7 (Sunday) 17 Days
- 5.) Compliance Subsidy: 680,000 yen (if followed for the full 17 days)

※1 Entertainment facilities (etc.) are: Cabaret, nightclub, live house, snack bar, dancehall, pub, etc. that possess a restaurant business license under the Food Sanitation Act.

3. Travel to and from Outside the Prefecture

We request for restraint in all non-essential and non-emergency travel to regions for which the National State of Emergency has been declared, based on Article 45, Paragraph 1 of the Act on Special Measures for Pandemic Influenza and New Infectious Diseases Preparedness and Response. Further, for regions, where a Prefectural State of Emergency has been declared, we also request for restraint in all non-essential and non-emergency travel.

For travel to all other regions, we ask for you to monitor your health closely as well as take thorough anti-COVID-19 measures.

- ※1. If other regions are added to the National State of Emergency, they will be subject to the restraint in travel requests at that time. (As of January 18th: 11 Prefectures (Tokyo, Chiba, Saitama, Kanagawa, Osaka, Kyoto, Hyogo, Aichi Shimane, Fukuoka, and Tochigi).
- ※2. If other prefectures declare their own Prefectural State of Emergency, they will be subject to restraint in travel requests at that time. (As of January 18th: 5 prefecture (Ibaraki, Mie, Nagasaki (Nagasaki City only) Kumamoto, and Miyazaki)

4. Travel to and from Outer Islands

We request for restraint in all non-essential and non-emergency travel to and from the outer islands.

5. Thorough Implementation of Basic Measures to Control Infection

In day to day life, please make sure to avoid "Three Cs", and thoroughly implement "New Social Behavior" specifically, mask wearing, hand washing, body temperature measurement, and periodic ventilation.

When interacting with the elderly or those who are showing symptoms, please wear a mask.

6. Measures to Control Infection at the Workplace

Please take close care of your health, if you are not feeling well, please do not go to work or do not let those who are not feeling well come to work.

We encourage the promotion of telework, remote meetings, and staggered working hours to reduce the number of individuals working in person by 70%.

Avoid the "5 Situations" that increase the risk of infection and when working from home or traveling to and from work, be careful to avoid the 3 C's. Specifically, be careful when "Switching Locations"(going to the break room, smoking area, changing room) at work.

※1 The "5 Situations" are: Situation (1) "Social Gatherings with Alcohol", Situation (2) "Long Feasts In Large Groups", Situation (3)"Conversation Without a Mask", Situation (4)"Living Together in Small Limited Space", Situation (5)"Switching Locations".

7. Restrictions for Holding Events

The scale for holding events will continue to be as follows.

Event Scale: 5,000 or less people

Maximum Capacity : Indoors 50% or less

Outdoors keep enough distance between people (As much as possible 2m)

In addition, as much as possible, we request that the meetings be held online, held on a distributed basis with infection prevention measures in place, or held on a smaller scale.

8. Acceptance of Camps/Training Camps for Professional Baseball and Other Sports Organizations

In the acceptance of camps/training camps for professional baseball teams, J-League soccer clubs, and other sports organizations, we request that all team and club personnel (Including players and staff), as well as the media who are planning to cover the camp have a negative result from a PCR test before entering the prefecture.

We ask host municipalities and operators to take thorough measures to prevent infection at camp sites.

We also ask for Periodic PCR or antigen tests to be done during the camp period.

During the period of the declaration of a state of emergency, we request that there be no spectators for practice matches and regular practice, and that members of the media keep their reporting activities to a minimum.

9. Encouraging Facilities to Shorten Business Hours

We encourage the following facilities to shorten business hours to 8pm (with alcohol being served only from 11am to 7pm).

- Theatres, viewing halls, movie theaters or entertainment halls

- Assembly halls or public halls
- Exhibition halls
- Stores over 1,000 m² in size engaged in the sale of goods (excluding food, pharmaceuticals, medical devices and other sanitary goods, regenerative medicine products, fuels and other items specified by the Minister of Health, Labor and Welfare as indispensable for daily life)
- Hotel or Ryokan (Limited use for meetings)
- Sports facilities, game parlors
- Museums, art museums, and libraries
- Amusement facilities that are not licensed to operate restaurants under the Food Sanitation Act
- Stores over 1,000 m² in size engaged in the service business (excluding services indispensable for daily life)

Schools, social welfare facilities, public facilities, etc.

1. Regarding Schools

For prefectural schools, in order to ensure opportunities for learning, we will continue educational activities taking thorough measures to prevent the spread of infection. We will also thoroughly implement measures to prevent infection in club activities, extracurricular activities and student dormitories.

Municipal and private schools (excluding universities, etc.) are requested to take the same measures as prefectural schools.

Universities and colleges are requested to take appropriate measures to prevent infection and to secure learning opportunities through face-to-face and distance learning.

We request that students be cautioned against social gatherings at universities, etc.

2. Social Welfare Facilities

In principle, nursery schools and nursing care facilities for the elderly are requested to open after thorough infection prevention measures are taken.

3. Public Facilities (etc.)

Prefectural public facilities such as museums, art galleries and sports facilities will continue to be operated, while thorough infection prevention measures will be taken, but the operation time will be until 8 PM.

In addition, from the viewpoint of infection prevention measures, some services and the number of people are limited depending on the facility.

As for municipal public facilities, we request the same measures as the prefecture be taken.

○The above request for cooperation is being made based on Article 24, Paragraph 9 of the Act on Special Measures for Pandemic Influenza and New Infectious Diseases Preparedness and Response and Okinawa Prefecture Novel Corona Virus Control Ordinance.