

# State of Emergency Declared!

## Take Every Measure to Curb the Infections!

It was decided today that **the State of Emergency** for Hyogo Prefecture will be declared. **The fifth wave of infections is spreading rapidly**, with the new cases reaching a record high of 853 on August 17 and **the hospital bed occupancy rate almost reaching 60%**. This is truly an **emergency**. To **curb the surge in infections as soon as possible and prevent overwhelming hospitals**, each citizen, young people in particular, is requested to recognize that our region is under the State of Emergency, make efforts to reduce the flow of people, and take infection prevention measures even more thoroughly.

### 1. Reduce the flow of people

- Avoid unnecessary and non-urgent outings and travels during the daytime and at night. In particular, **reduce outings to crowded places by 50%**.
- Do not visit eating and drinking establishments that (1) do not follow our request to shorten business hours, (2) serve alcohol, (3) provide karaoke services, or (4) do not take thorough infection prevention measures (e.g., installing acrylic partitions, keeping seats 1 or more meters apart).
- (To owners of eating and drinking establishments) **Do not allow entry of those who are not wearing face masks**. If customers refuse your request to wear face masks while having conversations (excluding while eating/drinking), you may **ask them to leave**.
- **Do not dine in groups, hold house parties**, or drink alcohol on the streets or in the parks.
- Please **make efforts to reduce 70% of commuters** and promote telecommuting.

### 2. Prevent clusters of infections

- **Facilities that attract many visitors** are requested to **prevent the Three Cs by limiting entry of visitors and other measures**.
- **Clusters of infections at workplaces** are increasing. Please **urge employees to take thorough infection prevention measures**.
- **During club activities, take thorough infection prevention measures**, such as wearing face masks during conversations, while being careful of heat stroke.

### 3. Vaccination

- **Vaccination prevents infection**. Be careful not to be swayed by incorrect information about side effects and deaths caused by vaccination and **consider vaccination based on correct information (this is a request to young people in particular)**.