

# Governor's Message: Curb the 5th Wave of Infections!

It was decided today that **pre-emergency measures will be applied to Hyogo Prefecture**. The new case counts are increasing rapidly with a record of 280 on July 29 and 265 on July 30, and the latest weekly average almost reached 200. **If this trend continues, it may lead to an emergency in the prefecture** and overwhelm the healthcare systems.

Therefore, we designated the areas where a significant increase of infections has been observed (**Kobe City, the Hanshin area, the Higashi-Harima area, and Himeji City**) to be under the **pre-emergency measures from August 2** and will apply stronger measures in other areas as well.

Hyogo citizens and business operators are requested to practice the following **with a strong will to curb the spread of infections by all means**.

## Request to Hyogo-based business operators

### (1) Take thorough countermeasures at eating and drinking establishments

The risk of infection caused by dining in groups while drinking alcohol is extremely high, so thorough countermeasures are required.

- **Eating and drinking establishments** are requested to **shorten business hours**. **Eating and drinking establishments in designated areas** are requested to **stop serving alcohol**.

	Designated areas	Other areas
Area	<b>Kobe</b> <b>Hanshin-minami area</b> (Amagasaki, Nishinomiya, Ashiya) <b>Hanshin-kita area</b> (Itami, Takarazuka, Kawanishi, Sanda, Inagawa) <b>Higashi-Harima area</b> (Akashi, Kakogawa, Takasago, Inami, Harima) <b>Himeji</b>	<b>Kita-Harima area</b> (Nishiwaki, Miki, Ono, Kasai, Kato, Taka) <b>Naka-Harima area</b> (Kamikawa, Ichikawa, Fukusaki) <b>Nishi-Harima area</b> (Aioi, Tatsuno, Ako, Shiso, Taishi, Kamigori, Sayo) <b>Tajima area</b> (Toyooka, Yabu, Asago, Kami, Shin-Onsen) <b>Tamba area</b> (Tamba Sasayama, Tamba) <b>Awaji area</b> (Sumoto, Minamiawaji, Awaji)
Period	August 2 (Mon.) to August 31 (Tue.), 2021	
Contents	Open: 5:00–20:00 Serving alcohol is not allowed	Open: 5:00–21:00 Serving alcohol: 11:00–20:00

- Please **take thorough infection prevention measures** and apply for the **certificate given to facilities that meet the infection prevention requirements**.

## Request to Hyogo citizens

### (1) Avoid outings

If large crowds are formed during the summer holidays, it may lead to a surge in infections.

- **Refrain from visiting areas where a surge in infections has been observed**, such as Tokyo and Osaka.
- **Avoid unnecessary and non-urgent outings and travels during the daytime** and at night.
- **Do not visit eating and drinking establishments after the shortened business hours**.

### (2) Avoid risky behavior (especially for young people)

Infection rates among young people are increasing, and those in their 30s or younger account for 60% of the total number of cases.

- **Do not visit eating and drinking establishments that do not take thorough infection prevention measures**.

- No risky behavior such as drinking alcohol on the streets or in the parks and holding house parties with your friends.
- During school club activities, take thorough infection prevention measures, such as wearing face masks during conversations and avoiding the Three Cs, while being careful of heat strokes.
- If you feel unwell, refrain from going to school (including school club activities) or work.
- Be careful not to be swayed by incorrect information about side effects and deaths caused by vaccination and consider vaccination based on correct information.