

Governor's Message:
Young people are requested to take every measure to stop the rapid resurgence of COVID-19 infections!

COVID-19 infections are rapidly increasing in Hyogo Prefecture; the daily number of new cases had recently exceeded 100 for several consecutive days and was over 200 on March 31. The situation surrounding medical services is becoming more critical.

Therefore, on April 1, we requested the national government to allow Hyogo Prefecture to apply targeted and stricter measures designated under the revised special measures act to contain the spread of the disease.

The infections are spreading widely among young people in particular. Those in their 30s or under account for approximately 50% of the total number of cases.

We request young people to practice the following with the strong will of “never bringing the virus into homes or facilities.”

- Be responsible for your own behavior; please consider infection prevention as your personal responsibility.
- Avoid visiting eating and drinking establishments and karaoke parlors that do not implement infection prevention measures.
- Refrain from dining and drinking in groups or for long hours and participating in farewell/welcome parties, cherry-blossom viewing parties, and house parties.
- When dining with others, please observe the following:
 - Dine in groups of four or less.
 - Avoid dining for long hours. (No afterparties!)
 - Use fans, face masks, or other items to cover the mouth to prevent the spread of droplets during conversations.
- After dining out, please take extra caution when coming into contact with other people for several days; be careful not to spread the virus.
- Be conscious of your behavior during school club or circle activities.