

Regarding Transition from the State of Emergency

To the Resurgence Warning Level

-In Preparation for Lowering to Warning Level 2-

February, 28th 2021 Okinawa Prefectural Response Policy
Confirmed by Okinawa Prefecture COVID-19 Response Headquarters

1. To Residents, Businesses, and Visitors

(1) Precautions Against the Spread of Infection Through Group Meals (To Residents and Visitors)

When having group meals, please limit them to 4 people or less and within 2 hours. As much as possible, keep gatherings to those who you are regularly with such as family or close friends.

When holding group meals, please use establishments displaying the Shisā Sticker (etc.), keep in mind infection prevention measures such as not sitting face to face, and as much as possible try not to use crowded places.

When eating or drinking avoid conversation as much as possible. Outside of when you are eating or drinking please make sure to wear a mask.

For karaoke, use establishments that take thorough infection prevention measures, such as ventilation and installation of acrylic boards, as well as do not forget to wear a mask.

Do not participate in any group meals if you are not feeling well and do not allow those who are not feeling well to participate any group meals.

※"Group meals" is intended mainly for events focused around eating and drinking. Lectures, explanatory meetings, concerts, performing arts events, wedding receptions, and other events shall be judged based on 'Okinawa Prefecture Covid-19 Guidelines for Holding Events'.

(2) Following the "New Lifestyle" and "New Travel Etiquette" (To Residents and Visitors)

All residents and visitors are requested to wear masks, frequently wash and disinfect their hands, avoid the Three Cs (closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact settings) and comply with the "New Lifestyle" and "New Travel Etiquette". We also ask that you please pay special attention when visiting elderly people.

When going out, please avoid busy times and areas and refrain from eating at crowded places especially on weekdays and holidays.

Including graduation trips, we ask for refrain from travel with large groups of people. However, for school trips, we ask that the "Okinawa School Trip Infection Prevention Tourism Guidelines" be followed.

Please monitor your health by measuring your body temperature every day. If you feel unwell, please take off from work or school, refrain from going out, and consult your doctor or a call center (098-866-2129).

(3) Measures at the Workplace (To Businesses)

Please make sure employees closely monitor their health. Employees who are not feeling well should not come to work and employees who are not feeling well should not be allowed to come to work.

We ask that employees wear masks and avoid the "5 Situations" that increase the risk of infection. Further when working from home or traveling to and from work, be careful to avoid

the Three C's. Specifically, be careful when "Switching Locations"(break room, smoking area, changing room) at work.

(4) Measures at Stores and Facilities (To Businesses)

Please follow the "Guidelines for Preventing the Spread of Infection", and conduct sales activities after thoroughly implementing measures to prevent the Three C's, restricting the entry of individuals with a fever, etc., the set up hand sanitizer/disinfectant, constant ventilation of rooms, and minimum BGM volume in the store.

Please make active use of the contact tracing application "COCOA" and the LINE application based close contact notification system "RICCA" recommended by the prefecture. As well as the declaration of the implementation of thorough infection prevention measures, the "Shisā".

(5) Travel Across Prefectural Borders
(To Residents)

For residents planning to travel outside of the prefecture we ask that in advance of traveling you closely monitor your health and take thorough infection prevention measures. However, we continue to request for restraint in all non-essential and non-emergency travel to the regions (4 Prefectures (Tokyo, Saitama, Chiba, and Kanagawa)) where the National State of Emergency has been declared.

We have a system in place that allows anyone who wishes to take a PCR test for a low cost, as such we recommend that you take the test before your departure. In the case that you test positive, or are not feeling well, please cancel or postpone your departure outside the prefecture.

Further, even for a day trip, treat the two weeks following your return to Okinawa as a "self-health monitoring period" wear a mask when at home and monitor your health. If you are worried, please consider taking PCR test.

(To Visitors)

We request for restraint in all non-essential and non-emergency travel from the regions (4 Prefectures (Tokyo, Saitama, Chiba, and Kanagawa)) where 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, from regions, where a Prefectural State of Emergency has been declared, we also request for restraint in all non-essential and non-emergency travel.

When arriving in Okinawa from regions where a State of Emergency has ended or has not been declared, in advance of traveling please closely monitor your health and take thorough infection prevention measures. In the case that you are not feeling well please cancel or postpone your trip.

Please take a PCR or antigen test in advance of your departure, if it is positive, stop or postpone your trip. We have established a system "NAPP (Naha Airport PCR test Project)" where PCR testing can be performed at Naha Airport in the case that you are unable to get a PCR test before entering the prefecture.

(6) Travel to, from, and Between Outer Islands (To Resident and Visitors)

We ask for restraint in traveling to outer islands who have requested as such.

Further, for other outer islands, due to the fact that they have a vulnerable medical system, for movement between the Main Island and outer islands, and from outer island to outer

islands. In advance of traveling please closely monitor your health and take thorough infection prevention measures. In the case that you are not feeling well please cancel or postpone your trip. For those traveling to outer islands, we recommend that you contact your local PCR testing center or NAPP and be tested before your departure.

(7) Regarding the Hosting of Camps/Training Camps of Various Competitive Athletic Organizations (etc.) (To Hosting Organizations)

In preparation for the upcoming 2020 Tokyo Olympic Games, foreign sports organizations will come to Okinawa for camps and host town exchanges and various sports organization from Japan will come for camps/training camps. In hosting these organizations we ask that they obtain negative test results by PCR or antigen test within 72 hours prior to entering the prefecture.

(8) When Holding Events (To Residents and Visitors)

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, we also request that the "Okinawa Prefectural Guidelines for Holding Events" be followed. However, if it is not possible to take sufficient measure to prevent infection based on the guidelines, we request that cancellation or postponement of the event be carefully considered.

(9) For Seasonal Events (etc.) (To Residents and Visitors)

For seasonal events we ask to be careful of the following. However, we ask those who are not feeling to not participate in the events and those who are not feeling well be not allowed to participate in the events.

1.) For Graduation and Entrance Ceremonies

Organizers of the ceremony should hold the event after thoroughly implementing infection prevention measures, such as wearing masks, hand sanitization, ventilation, and scale reduction.

We also ask for the consideration of online participation for those showing symptoms.

2.) For Goodbye and Welcome Parties (etc.)

Based on the caution points of the national governments basic response plan, please refrain from the holding of welcome and farewell parties, parties for new students, and thank you parties (etc.) that involve eating and drinking.

(10) Response at Schools (To School Administrators)

We continue to ask that infection prevention measures in club activities, extracurricular activities and student dormitories be thoroughly implemented. Further at university's we request that students should be cautioned to infection prevention measures at social gatherings (etc.).

2. Regarding the Issuance of the "Okinawa Covid-19 Advisory/Warning"

If a sign that infections are spreading is confirmed or when events with a high risk of spreading infections are scheduled, by promptly issuing the "Okinawa Prefecture Covid-19 Advisory" and

"Okinawa Covid-19 Warning", focusing on the specifically necessary measures, providing pinpointed and timely warnings, and having as small of an effect as possible on social and economic activities, will result in more effective measures to control the spread of infection.