

Criteria for Responding to the Novel Coronavirus in Kochi Prefecture

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Advisory Stage ※1 Indicators	Advisory Stage	Monitor (Green)	Caution (Yellow)	Warning (Orange)	Special Advisory (Red)	Emergency (Purple)
	Confirmed Cases in Last 7 Days	0~3 cases	>4 cases	>14 cases	>105 cases	>175 cases
	Hospital Bed Occupancy Rate	Less than 10%		10% or more	20% or more	50% or more
Actions Considered (Actions taken based on advisory stage.)	Common Measures (Across all stages)	Putting "The New Lifestyle" into practice. Ex.) • Maintaining social distance of 1-2 meters • Wearing a mask • Handwashing/using hand sanitizer • Cough etiquette • Proper ventilation • Limiting conversation while using public transportation • Avoiding "shared plate" dining (eat off individual plates), loud conversations, and sharing the same cup while drinking • Telework and rotating work schedules • Online meetings when possible Individual stores and shops: make sure appropriate measures to limit infection spread are implemented				
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	Going Out	Avoid the 3 C's: closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact settings		Requests to refrain from going to restaurants that are not taking preventative measures	Requests to refrain from going out at night/going to restaurants that serve alcohol	Requests to limit going out to essential, urgent matters (regardless of time of day)
	Requests to Close Businesses	—		—	Requests for closure/shortened business hours of certain industries ※2	
	Dining Together	(See "Common Measures" section)	<i>If possible smaller groups/short times</i>	Small groups/short times	Limit dining together to family	
	Events	(Take action based on the national policy and guidelines for individual industries.)			Reconsider holding and participating in events	Refrain from holding and participating in events
	Prefectural Schools	Decision based on the infection situation within the jurisdiction of the local Social Welfare and Health Department. ※3				
	Prefectural Facilities	Open			Consider closure of indoor facilities	Closed
	Travel to/from Other Prefectures	Decide taking into account the national infection situation and infection spread risk				

※1. Action will be taken based on ① the number of patients undergoing treatment (special advisory: >105), ② hospital bed occupancy rate, ③ the number of new confirmed cases in the last 7 days, ④ comparison between the number of new confirmed cases this week and the previous week, ⑤ the presence of cases where the infection route is unclear (special advisory: 50%), and ⑥ the % of positive PCR tests. Furthermore, if cases are limited to one area, just that area may be raised to a Caution and Warning level.

※2. Requests for closure of "certain industry" types, will be based on the previous prefectural cases of infection transmission and national policy.

※3. In regard to prefectural schools, the decision to close schools will be made by the Prefectural Board of Education. The Prefectural BOE has established standards to close schools based on the spread of infection (within the jurisdiction of the local Health Department) and MEXT's 「学校における新型コロナウイルス感染症に関する衛生管理マニュアル」 (School Hygiene Management Manual for Novel Coronavirus).