

Message from the Governor of Kochi regarding COVID-19

26 August 2021

Introduction of Quasi-Emergency Measures

- Recently there has been a surge in COVID-19 cases in Kochi Prefecture, in particular in the last few days. On 25 August, there were 111 new confirmed cases and 107 on 26 August.
- Due to this, Kochi Prefecture will enter Quasi-Emergency Measures from 27 August 2021 to 12 September 2021 as announced yesterday by the national government.
- I ask for the cooperation of all residents of Kochi to comply with the following two guidelines until 12 September 2021.
 - For all residents of Kochi Prefecture – Please avoid all unnecessary outings regardless of the time of day. Going out when required is still okay (e.g. to go to the supermarket), but when you do go out please avoid meeting friends etc. In particular, due to the high levels of COVID-19 infections, please avoid unnecessary travel to Kochi City.
 - For restaurant owners in Kochi City – **Please close at 8pm each day and please do not serve alcohol at any time of day.** The prefectural government will pay business that cooperate with the request every day for the next 17 days (the period until the 12 September 2021).
- With a continuation in the rapid increase in COVID-19 cases, there is a risk that there will be a lack of hospital beds for patients who require hospitalization. This will require people suffering from a mild case of COVID-19 to manage their illness at home. The prefectural government aims to ensure that those who contract COVID-19 are able to effectively recover in hospital or, if possible, at home.
- As always, I would ask all residents to cooperate with basic infection prevention measures such as wearing a mask, washing your hands regularly and avoiding the 3 C's.
- As there is a high level of infection amongst young people who have not yet been vaccinated, I urge this group in particular to proactively book in to be vaccinated when the opportunity arises.

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Governor of Kochi Prefecture

Hamada Seiji

Quasi-Emergency Measures Location: Kochi City

Requests to residents and businesses in Kochi Prefecture

From 27 August 2021 to 12 September 2021

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Requests to business owners (restaurants etc.) in **Kochi City**

Please reduce your business hours for the following period

○Period : 27 August 2021 (Friday) ~ 12 September 2021 (Sunday)

○Requests : Keep business hours to between **5am and 8pm.**

Please do not serve alcohol at any time.

Please do not allow use of karaoke machines.

(Karaoke rooms can still be used.)

○Target of request: ① **Restaurants**

e.g.) cabaret, night clubs, snack bars, pubs, cafes, izakayas etc. (not including take out or delivery).

② Facilities within lodgings and hotels that provide food and alcohol

③ **Karaoke boxes, live music clubs**

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Requests to managers of large commercial facilities in Kochi City

- Please prevent large groups of people congregating in one area to reduce the risk of infection transmission
- So that people are able to keep a social distance of 2m from other customers, people limit permitted entrance numbers

Requests to operators of events in all of Kochi Prefecture

- Please limit event numbers to less than 5000 people.
 - ※Max. participants
 - Events where loud cheering/voices are not expected (classical concerts, ceremonies, exhibitions, etc.) : 100% capacity
 - Events where loud cheering/voices are expected (rock and pop concerts, sports events, etc.) : 50% capacity
- (Events that involve travel throughout Japan or more than 1000 participants must be discussed beforehand with the Prefecture.)

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Request to residents of **Kochi City**

- Please only dine out or drink alcohol with people you live with.

Requests to residents of **Kochi Prefecture**

- **Please avoid unnecessary outings regardless of the time of day.** You may still go out for necessary purposes.
- **Please avoid going to Kochi City for unnecessary reasons.**
- When going out, please go out in small numbers with family or people you see on a regular basis and to areas that are uncrowded.

Request to businesses in **all of Kochi Prefecture**

- **Please reduce staff numbers working in the office by 70%.** Please introduce measures such as working from home, varied commuting hours, use of paid leave, rotating work schedules etc.

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Prefectural Response Measures

1 Regarding prefectural events held anywhere in Kochi Prefecture

- Prefectural events planned will be canceled, postponed or the method of hosting to be reassessed.

2 Regarding Prefectural Schools

- School Activities

- **Schools will not be closed**

- To avoid causing potential infections, school start times will be delayed by a hour. Schools to decide school finish times.

- ※Special Education Schools to decide school hours

- Club activities

- **To be cancelled**

3 Prefectural Facilities

- **Popular tourist attractions in Kochi City to be closed**

(Noichi Zoological Park in Konan City will be closed until September 3 2021)

- Request has been made for city managed facilities in Kochi City to adopt the same measures.

Prefectural Schools in Kochi City, the following schools with a large amount of students who commute from Kochi City – Kochi Higashi Technical High School, Okou High School, Ino Commercial High School, Kochi Marine High School.

※Including fourteen senior high schools, two junior high schools, and seven special education schools that are affiliated schools.

Operation of Prefectural Facilities

Name	Operation status	Period
Kochi Castle	Closed	21 August 2021 – 12 September 2021
Kochi Castle Museum of History	Closed	21 August 2021 – 12 September 2021
Sakamoto Ryoma Memorial Museum	Closed	21 August 2021 – 12 September 2021
Kochi Travel Plaza	Closed	21 August 2021 – 12 September 2021
Kochi Prefectural Makino Botanical Gardens	Main building, Gallery, Tosa Kanran Center - Closed ※ Restaurant, Café, Shop - Open	20 August 2021 – 12 September 2021
Noichi Zoological Park	Jungle Museum, Animal Science Museum - Closed	20 August 2021 – 3 September 2021