

June 17, 2020

A Message from the Governor of Okayama Prefecture

- This is a message from IBARAGI Ryuta, governor of Okayama Prefecture.
- I would like to express my gratitude to the residents of Okayama who have cooperated with our initiatives by limiting their outings and staying within the prefecture.
- All prefectures including Okayama will proceed to the next step from June 19th. Please take note of the following initiatives until July 9th.
- First, I would like to address outings.

There are no decided restrictions for outings. I would like for our residents to continue eating out and shopping as usual. However, when entering establishments where clusters are occurring, I ask that you confirm the status of their infection prevention measures and make decisions accordingly.
- Next, I would like to address movement outside of Okayama Prefecture. As far as job-related matters and returning home goes, there are no restrictions. I would like for travelling and sightseeing to first be enjoyed within Okayama or neighboring prefectures for the time being. In the case that you are travelling to a region where infection is still continuing, please act carefully by checking the information regarding status of infection provided by the prefecture or travel destination.

- Lastly, I would like to address the “New Lifestyle”.
I would like for the residents of Okayama Prefecture to practice a “New Lifestyle” by wearing masks, thoroughly washing your hands, keeping a proper distance between yourselves and others, and carrying out the appropriate prevention measures.
- I also have a request for business operators and event hosts.
I ask that business operators take appropriate and thorough measures for preventing the spread of disease and avoiding the Three C’s, based on the guidelines given for their respective industries.
Please continue to practice voluntary restraint when hosting nationwide events or any kind of event that exceeds 1000 attendees.
- Okayama Prefecture will implement disease prevention measures while also giving our best effort to restore our economy that was greatly affected by the spread of COVID-19.
I would like for the residents of Okayama to cooperate in the maintenance of socioeconomic activity and partaking in a “New Lifestyle”.