

July 19, 2020

A Message from the Governor

- This is a message from IBARAGI Ryuta, governor of Okayama Prefecture.
- Within this past week, there have been 13 new confirmed cases of COVID-19, and we have also confirmed our first cluster that occurred from reception at a food and drink establishment.
- Across the country, there have also been continuous confirmation of infection cases stemming from customer service at host clubs and cabaret bars.
- Taking such situations into account, based on special measures laws, Okayama Prefecture has made a decision to request cooperation from our residents and customer service-based food and drink establishments in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 within the prefecture.
- This request for cooperation applies to all areas of Okayama Prefecture. The period for this request lasts from today until July 31st. However, from here on we shall extend the period and make adjustments to the contents of the request based on responses to the request and the infection status within the prefecture.
- The request for cooperation covers two points.
- First, we would like to request for residents to refrain from going to customer service-based food and drink establishments that are not adhering to the guidelines for disease prevention.

We would like to request for residents of Okayama Prefecture to refrain

from going to host clubs and cabaret clubs if they are not adhering to the guidelines for their industry category. When going to such establishments, please be sure to adequately confirm the status of their infection prevention measures.

- Next, we would like to request that customer service-based food and drink establishments adhere to the infection prevention guidelines.

Again, we would like to strongly request that customer service-based food and drink establishments adhere to the infection prevention guidelines given for their industry category.

- Thoroughly following infection prevention measures is an indispensable aspect of maintaining socioeconomic activity while coexisting with COVID-19 for a long period of time.

In particular, host clubs, cabaret clubs and other customer service-based food and drink establishments are where there are continuous occurrences of clusters centered around the younger generation.

We strongly request that you cooperate by adhering to the guidelines, in order to protect the safety of the residents of Okayama Prefecture as well.

- By all means, we ask for our residents' understanding and cooperation, in order to protect your own lives as well as the lives of those around us.