

## Issuing of the Fukuoka Corona Alert

As of Thursday, January 20, 2022



The Fukuoka Prefectural Government has decided to activate the "Fukuoka Corona Alert" on Thursday, January 20.

On Wednesday, January 19, the number of new cases has reached a record high of 2,208. This is the fastest rate ever experienced in the prefecture (about 80 times in two weeks), and the infection is spreading not only in urban areas but also in the whole prefecture. In the past week, 55% of the total cases were among teenagers and people in their 20s. The number of hospitalized patients as of Wednesday, January 19, was about 2.3 times that of a week ago (95 to 214).

The status of infection as of Wednesday, January 19, using the indicators of the "Fukuoka Corona Alert" is as follows.

- The number of new positive cases has been increasing at the 7-day average for about 3 weeks.
- The hospital bed utilization rate is 13.6%.
- Omicron strains have been almost completely replaced, and breakthrough infections are also appearing.

According to our projections the percentage of those who will be hospitalized out of the number of new cases in the 6th wave and the average length of hospitalization, the

hospital bed utilization rate is expected to exceed 15% by Friday, January 21, which is the guideline for issuing an alert.

Therefore, after making a comprehensive judgment based on the opinions of experts and consultations with municipalities, the Fukuoka Corona Alert will be issued. Saga Prefecture and Oita Prefecture, which are adjacent to Fukuoka Prefecture, will join in requesting the national government to apply the priority measures to prevent the spread of the disease.

To avoid confusion among the prefectural residents and businesses, the prefectural government will implement its own measures equivalent to the priority measures, as it is expected to be a short period of time before the priority measures are applied.

## Period of Alert

January 24, 2022 (Monday) -  
February 20, 2022 (Sunday)

(All areas in Fukuoka Prefecture)

The period of the measures will be from Monday, January 24 to Sunday, February 20, and the area of the measures will apply to the entire prefecture.

### 【Request to Prefectural Residents】

## Going out

- Wear **masks** even after vaccination
- Check the infection situation at the **destination** and the infection prevention measures of **the facility**
- **Avoid** going out in **crowded places** or when you have a **fever**.

When going out, please wear a mask, including those who have been vaccinated, and disinfect your hands and take your temperature at the places you visit. Please ensure that basic infection control measures are taken. In addition, please carefully check the infection status of your destination and the infection prevention measures of the facilities you use, and refrain from going out to crowded places or places with high risk of infection. If you have symptoms such as fever, please avoid going out and proactively visit a medical institution to have a checkup.

Especially to State of Emergency areas, Priority measures areas

## Avoid unnecessary crossing prefectural borders

If you need to travel, take a PCR or other test.

Please refrain from unnecessary moving across prefectures, especially to and from the state of emergency zone and priority zones. If it is necessary to move, please undergo PCR or other tests to confirm that you are negative.

## When Using Restaurants

- ⚠ Restaurants with **thorough infection prevention measures**
- ⚠ Meals will last no more **than two hours**.
- ⚠ Wear a **mask** during conversations. **Do not shout**.



When going out to eat, please choose a restaurant that has received third-party certification from the prefectural government, or that complies with industry-specific guidelines, and refrain from using restaurants that do not have thorough infection

prevention measures in place. Also, please do not enter or leave the establishments after the requested hours.

Generally, no more than four people may use the same table in a restaurant.

Please limit meals to two hours or less, including meals at private homes, and wear a mask and avoid shouting during conversations, as prolonged meals tend to make people loud due to heightened mood and loss of attention.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

Guidelines to Avoid Infection Risk while at Restaurants			
		Regulations Restaurants and Bars need to follow	Regulations people need to follow
Certified stores	Open until 21:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Business hours must be between 5:00 and 21:00.</li> <li>○ Alcoholic beverages must be served between 11:00 and 20:30.</li> <li>○ No more than four people in the same group can be served at the same table. (In the case of a restaurant registered for the Vaccine and Testing Package System, if all users are tested negative through the "All Users Test", five or more users may be invited.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Do not enter or leave the restaurant without permission after 21:00.</li> <li>○ No more than four people in the same group may use the same table. (More than 5 people can use the restaurant if all participants are tested and the negative test results of all participants are presented at the restaurant registered for the vaccine testing package system.)</li> </ul>
	Open until 20:00 (no alcohol)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Business hours must be between 5:00 and 20:00</li> <li>○ No alcoholic beverages shall be served.</li> <li>○ No more than four people in the same group can use the same table. (Among the certified stores, if a store registered with the Vaccine and Inspection Package System confirms that all the users have tested negative through the "All subjects inspection", it is possible to invite more than 5 people.)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Do not enter or leave the restaurant without permission after 20:00.</li> <li>○ Do not bring in alcoholic beverages.</li> <li>○ No more than four people in the same group may use the same table. (More than 5 people can use the restaurant if all participants are tested and the negative test results of all participants are presented at the restaurant registered for the vaccine testing package system.)</li> </ul>
non-certified stores			


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Including the above Restaurants in all categories	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The distance between people should be maintained. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seats should not be placed directly in front of each other, and the distance between seats should be at least 1 meter. Or</li> <li>• Keep a distance of 1 m or more between tables and counters or separate them with acrylic panels.</li> <li>• The distance between tables and counters should be at least 1 meter or separated by acrylic boards.</li> <li>• Meals shall be served in a seated style (no buffet-style meals).</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Adequate ventilation should be ensured by opening all windows in two directions for about 5 minutes once every 30 minutes</li> <li>○ Notify to users, etc. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Encourage people to wear masks except when eating or drinking.</li> <li>• Encourage people to take their temperature and disinfect their hands when entering the store.</li> <li>• Encourage customers not to stay for long periods of time (2 hours or more).</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ When groups use multiple tables, encourage them to refrain from moving between tables.</li> <li>○ Using karaoke equipment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Microphones and remote controls should be disinfected as necessary each time person changes. Disinfection equipment should be installed in each room of karaoke boxes, etc.</li> <li>• Establishment's that mainly serve food and drink (snack bars, karaoke cafes, etc.), ensure that ventilation and distance between people are maintained.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Refrain from using restaurants that do not comply with prefectural government's requests (shortening hours, serving alcoholic beverages, limiting the number of people).</li> <li>○ When making reservations <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Use restaurants that comply with the infection prevention measures specified in the guidelines for each industry, including those that have received third-party certification from the prefecture.</li> <li>• Refrain from having a buffet-style meals.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ When at restaurant <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Observe and cooperate with the infection prevention measures of the restaurants</li> <li>• Wear a mask except when eating or drinking</li> <li>• Take your temperature and disinfect your hands when entering a restaurant</li> <li>• Refrain from activities that increase the risk of infection, such as talking loudly</li> <li>• When using multiple tables in a group, refrain from moving between tables.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

Restaurants and their patrons should comply with the "Guidelines to Avoid Infection Risk while at Restaurants" (Attachment 1).

## When using Karaoke boxes

 Wear a **mask** even when singing.

 Disinfect **microphones, etc.**

 Distance between singers **2m**  
**1m** between seats



When singing at karaoke, please wear a mask, keep a distance of at least 2 meters from the person singing, and keep a distance of at least 1 meter between seats. Please disinfect microphones and other equipment each time people change.

Prefectural residents who are concerned about the possibility of infection

## Free PCR and other tests

**Available at 218 locations in the  
prefecture  
(As of January 19, 2012)**

Regardless of whether you have been vaccinated or not, asymptomatic people who are concerned about being infected due to being in an environment with high risks of infection, etc., should take the free test offered by the prefectural government. Currently, this service is available at 218 locations in the prefecture.

【Request to restaurants and Bars etc.】

## Shortening of business hours for restaurants

January 24 (Mon.) - February 20 (Sun.)

Certified shops	Noncertified shops
 Business Hours <b>5:00 ~ 21:00</b> Serve alcohol (Last Order) <b>11:00 ~ 20:30</b>	Business Hours <b>5:00 ~ 20:00</b> Serve alcohol <b>N/A</b>

※ Infection prevention certified stores can choose to stay open until 20:00 (no alcohol served).

We request all restaurants to shorten their business hours. For certified restaurants, the hours of operation will be from 5:00 to 21:00, with alcoholic beverages served from 11:00 and stop at 20:30. Please display the "Infection Prevention Certification Mark" issued by Fukuoka Prefectural Government outside the restaurant in a place where users can see it.

Restaurants that are not certified should keep their business hours between 5:00 and 20:00 and not serve alcoholic beverages. Certified restaurants may also choose not to serve alcoholic beverages between the hours of 5:00 and 20:00, just like non-certified restaurants.

※ Example of posting when a certified store chooses to be open until 20:00 (no alcohol served)

**例 営業時間短縮のお知らせ**

福岡県からの要請により、新型コロナウイルス感染症拡大防止のため、営業時間を次のとおり短縮します。

- 実施期間 **1月24日～2月20日**
- **酒類の提供はいたしません**
- **短縮後の営業時間**

**11時 00分 ~ 20時 00分**


※通常営業時間（短縮前） 11時 00分 ~ 23時 00分

店舗名：居酒屋 ふくおか



Please post a notice stating whether alcoholic beverages are served or not in a visible location outside the store so that patrons can learn about the status of the store in question.

Generally, no more than four people from the same group can be admitted to the same table in both certified and non-certified stores. Among certified stores, stores registered with the Vaccine and Testing Package System may allow more than 5 people at the same table if all users have undergone PCR and other tests and have been confirmed negative.

Cooperation money for restaurants	
January 24 (Mon.) - February 20 (Sun.)	
 Open until 21:00 (Alcohol is allowed)	<b>Based on sales</b> <b>25,000-75,000 yen/day</b> <b>Forward payment</b> <b>475,000 Yen</b>
Restaurants that are not certified Open until 20:00 (Alcohol not allowed)	<b>Based on sales</b> <b>30,000-100,000 yen/day</b> <b>Forward payment</b> <b>570,000 Yen</b>

※ **certified stores can choose any of the following**

※ For large companies, the maximum amount is 200,000 yen per day, depending on the amount of sales decrease.

Restaurants that respond to requests to shorten their business hours will be given a cooperation money.

The amount of the cooperation money will be

- If the hours of operation are until 21:00, the amount of cooperation fee will be 25,000 yen to 75,000 yen per day, depending on the amount of sales.
- If the hours of operation are until 20:00 and no alcoholic beverages are served, both certified and non-certified stores will receive 30,000 yen to 100,000 yen per day, depending on their sales.

In addition, restaurants that have already received this before will receive a portion of the amount in advance. The amount is 475,000 yen for 21:00 and 570,000 yen for 20:00.



## 【Request to Businesses】

## Attendance to work

- Implement **work from home and staggering work hours**
- Thorough infection prevention measures are also taken in **Break rooms, changing rooms, smoking rooms**
- Encourage employees **to take thorough infection prevention measures both inside and outside the workplace**

Businesses are urged to strongly promote initiatives to reduce human contact, such as Work from home, reducing the number of workers, staggered work hours, and bicycle commuting. Pay attention to the switching of places such as break rooms, changing rooms, and smoking rooms, and take thorough measures to prevent infection. In addition, please encourage your employees to take thorough measures to prevent infection both inside and outside the workplace.

### Businesses that maintain social functions

Logistics and transportation services,  
and Financial institutions,  
infrastructure companies, Garbage  
disposal companies, etc.

**Thoroughly implement infection prevention measures to ensure employee safety and continuity of operations!**

Businesses such as logistics and transportation services, financial institutions, infrastructure companies, and waste disposal companies play a very important role in

ensuring the stability of people's lives and the economy. Omicron strains are highly infectious, so please take measures to prevent infection.

**【In Conclusion】**

I am very sorry to have to burden the prefectural and businesses once again, but I ask for your understanding and cooperation. Let us ourselves act cautiously and carefully in our daily lives and take care of each other and implement basic infection prevention measures. Let us act with a sense of protecting each other and work together to stop the further spread of infection.