

January 26th, 2022

A Message from the Governor

- This is a message from IBARAGI Ryuta, governor of Okayama Prefecture.
- It has been decided that Okayama Prefecture will be one of the prefectures to implement quasi emergency measures from January 27th to February 20th. In response to this, I have decided to implement special measures in all areas of Okayama Prefecture.
- In particular, I would like to make the following three requests to the residents of Okayama Prefecture.
- First, I would like for the restaurant establishments that are not certified by the Third Party Certification System to reduce their hours of operation to 8PM and halt the offering of alcoholic beverages.
On the other hand, I would like certified establishments to choose between reducing their hours of operation to 9PM and halting the offering of alcoholic beverages at 8PM, or reducing their hours of operation to 8PM and halting the offering of alcoholic beverages altogether.
- Second, I ask that prefectural residents limit the amount of participants to four family members or people that you see on an everyday basis and finishing meals within two hours when eating in groups, refrain from visiting emergency prefectures and regions where COVID-19 cases are increasing, and to continue following the 4 “Okayama Rules”.
- Finally, please take part in following the “Mask Code” by correctly wearing non-woven masks and thoroughly following basic disease prevention measures.
- During this time where Omicron Variant infections are increasing at an explosive rate, I would like your understanding and cooperation in order to suppress this wave of infections as soon as possible.