# Okayama Prefecture COVID-19 Quasi Emergency Measures

September 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

## Okayama Prefecture: COVID-19 Quasi Emergency Measures

1) Emergency Areas:

Okayama City, Kurashiki City, Tsuyama
City, Tamano City, Kasaoka City, Ibara City,
Soja City, Bizen City, Akaiwa City, Maniwa
City, Asakuchi City, Hayashima Town,
Yakage Town, Shoo Town, Nagi Town,
Kumenan Town, Mimasaka Town

**Non-emergency Areas:** 

Takahashi City, Niimi City, Setouchi City, Mimasaka City, Wake Town, Satosho Town, Shinjo Town, Kagamino Town, Nishiawakura Village, Kibi Chuo Town

2 Implementation Period: Monday, September 13th – Thursday, September 30th

#### Measures for Prefectural Residents

#### (Emergency Areas) (In accordance with Special Measures Law 31 Article 6, Section 2)

O Halting unnecessary visits to restaurant establishments between the hours of 8PM to 5AM

#### (Non-emergency Areas) (In accordance with Special Measures Law 24, Section 9)

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#### (Measures that apply to all areas)

#### (In accordance with Special Measures Law 24, Section 9)

- Abiding by the 5 "Okayama Rules" and "Mask Code"
- O Refraining from unessential outings, even during the day
- O When it is necessary to go outside, putting the utmost effort into only being accompanied by family or acquaintances that you meet on a regular basis, and avoiding crowded areas as well as visiting places during rush hour
- Refraining from entering restaurants that do not thoroughly follow the prevention measures or shorten their business hours according to requests
- O Avoiding high-risk behavior such as drinking in groups at parks, having outdoor barbecues in large groups and going to karaoke
- Refraining from showing up to work or attending school, and getting examined by a doctor in the case that you have even the slightest symptoms
- Thoroughly taking part in the "New Lifestyle"

#### (Non law-enforced measures)

 Vaccinations have proved to prevent infections, pathogeny and severe illness, so please get vaccinated if you haven't already.



#### Okayama Prefecture Quasi Emergency Measures Period The 5 "Okayama Rules"



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- ★ <u>Decrease frequency of outings (including shopping for essential items)</u> by **50** percent.
- ★ When eating in groups, limit the amount of participants to 4 or less people that you see on a regular basis, and finish such meetings within two hours. This includes outdoor barbeques.
- ★Continue to avoid the 3 C's.
- ★Refrain from returning to your hometown or taking unessential trips to other

  Prefectures during holidays. In the case that you must travel to another prefecture,

  be sure to manage your health for 2 weeks before and after your trip.
- $\star$ The use of just 1 mask will protect you as well as your loved ones.

#### Rules in Consideration for Others: "Mask Code"

∼Protect each other, protect your precious families, protect the workers of the prefecture.
Spread that kindness to the workers in the medical field as well ∼



#### **OWhen chatting: "masked chatting"**

People have a tendency to let their guard down while on break, so be sure to pay extra attention during such times.

Case(1)

Infections occurring from chats had while in the dressing room or at the smoking area

#### When eating: "masked meals"

Only remove your mask when eating or drinking, including outdoor meals.

Case2 Meeting up with 5 friends and their families for a barbecue, resulting in all members getting infected

#### OMasking up at home

Do this for two weeks in the case that you are residing with family that has visited or has come from areas with high infection rates. Continue this for at least two weeks.

Case College students visiting home from areas with high infection rates, resulting in their parents and grandparents getting infected

#### **The Correct Way to Wear a Mask**

Find a mask that firmly fits the shape of your face with out leaving any open spaces. It has been shown that masks made from non-woven materials, such as cloth or urethane, are more effective for disease prevention.

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**Emergency Areas** 

**Target** 

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[Food and Drink Establishments] Restaurants and coffee shops (excluding takeout and delivery)

[Entertainment Establishments] Restaurants that specialize in direct customer service and have Establishreceived the Food Sanitation Law Approval for Business

[Wedding Venues] Wedding ceremony venues that have the Food Sanitation Law Approval for Business

(In accordance to Special Measures Law 31 Article 6, Section 1) These are orders with correctional fines if not followed Reduction of business hours: (Establishments that normally close at hours past 8PM will reduce their hours of operation within the interval of 5AM to 8PM) Halting the offering of alcoholic beverages (including alcohol brought in by customers) Restaurants that mainly function as a food and drink establishment are to refrain from offering karaoke services (this rule does not apply to karaoke booths). O Preventing customers who do not follow guidelines, such as wearing masks, from entering your establishment **Details of** Measures • Installation of acrylic partitions and securing adequate space between seats, as to avoid airborne infections O Disinfecting, encouraging staff to get examined, managing number of customers, preventing symptomatic customers from entering your establishment, disinfecting all areas of premises, thoroughly ventilating (in accordance to all sections of Special Measures Law Article 12) X These measures do not apply to (In accordance with Special Measures Law 24, Section 9) establishments that are expected to have nighttime visitors over an extended length of Thoroughly abiding by the guidelines for your specific type of business; time, such as net and manga cafes. However we do request that such establishments O Properly using Moshisapo Okayama (disease tracking application) manage the number of customers present and refrain from providing karaoke or alcohol (Non Law-enforced Measures) to customers. OAcquiring the Third Party Restaurant Business Certification for Thorough Disease Prevention Measures\* (Reference: pg. 18)

Establishments that will host events under the hosting restrictions are to strictly follow the requirements set forth. (in accordance to Special Measures Law 24, Section 9)

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# Details of Measures

#### (In accordance to Special Measures Law 24, Section 9)

- Reduction of business hours (Establishments that normally close at hours past 8PM will reduce their hours of operation within the interval of 5AM to 8PM)
   Alcohol is only to be served between the hours of 11AM - 7PM (including alcohol brought in
- ORestaurants that mainly function as a food and drink establishment are to refrain from
- offering karaoke services (this does not apply to karaoke booths).

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- O Installation of acrylic partitions and securing adequate space between seats, as to avoid airborne infections
- Disinfecting, encouraging staff to get examined, managing number of customers, preventing symptomatic customers from entering your establishment, disinfecting all areas of premises,

thoroughly ventilating (in accordance to Special Measures Law Article 12, Section 1)

- OThoroughly abiding by the guidelines for your specific type of business
- O Properly using Moshisapo Okayama (disease tracking application)

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