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① **Period:** Wednesday, July 21st - Tuesday, August 31st

② **Area:** All areas of Okayama Prefecture

● **Requests for Prefectural Residents**

- Get through the summer by following the three "Okayama Rules" and abiding by the "Summer Mask Code"
- Refraining from entering restaurants that do not thoroughly follow the prevention measures
- Avoiding large numbers of people, length of get-togethers and following dining mask code when taking part in dinner parties (including barbecues)
- Refrain from showing up to work, attending school, and getting examined by a doctor in the case that you have even the slightest symptoms.
- Taking part in the New Lifestyle
- Being mindful of heat stroke and ventilating even when using the air conditioner
- Vaccinations have proved to prevent infections, pathogeny and severe illness, so please get vaccinated if you haven't already!

● Requests for Business Owners and Business Operators

- Preventing employees from working if they have a fever, cold or any other symptoms
- Abiding by the guidelines set forth for your business class
- Get through the summer by following the three “Okayama Rules”, abiding by the “Summer Mask Code”, and notifying others of these initiatives
- Implementing vacation time for getting vaccinated and making efforts to create an environment in which employees can comfortably get vaccinated
- Making efforts to apply the COVID-19 Prevention Measures Promotion Checklist at establishments



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Get through the summer ! The 3 Okayama Rules



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★ Continue to avoid the **3** C's

★ Avoid high risk areas when traveling or returning home for Obon and Summer Vacation, and carefully manage your health for **2** weeks after traveling

★ Even after vaccination, the use of just **1** mask will help you protect yourself as well as your loved ones

Protect Each Other! Move Closer to **0 Infection Risk!**

※High Risk Areas : Areas enforcing Emergency Special Measures and Priority Infection Prevention Measures

Rules in Consideration for Others: The Summer Code

– Prevent infection and heatstroke by making wise decisions and showing restraint –



~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~

○ When 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.

Case① 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.

○ If you go to karaoke, wear a mask.

And don't forget to disinfect the mic!

Case③ Doing daytime karaoke by yourself for about an hour, resulting in you as well as the shopkeeper getting infected

○ Masking 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.

Case④ College students visiting home from areas with high infection rates, resulting in their parents and grandparents getting infected

Prevent heatstroke by removing your mask during times that you have a distance of 2 meters between you and others while outside!

● Regarding the hosting of events within the prefecture

- Refrain from hosting the event if you are unable to thoroughly implement prevention measures.
- Thoroughly enforcing the wearing of masks, hand disinfection, ventilation and food and drink restrictions at the venue
- Abide by the guidelines set forth for your specific business type.
- Notifying others of the use of close contact tracking applications (COCOA) and Moshisapo Okayama
- Consulting with the prefecture ahead of time when hosting an event that will include 1000 or more nationwide participants.
- Keeping your event within the following capacity rates and keeping numbers to a minimum:

Max Number of Attendees	5000 people, or within half of the venue's capacity 5,000
Capacity Rates	<u>Events with no loud voices: within 100% of venue capacity</u> Classical music concerts, plays, dancing recitals, traditional performing arts, entertainment performances, ceremonies, exhibitions <u>Events with loud voices: within 50% of venue capacity</u> Rock/pop concerts, sports events, public competitions, performances, events held at nightclubs or live houses

- For those hosting festivals, firework festivals, outdoor festivals, please reconsider hosting the event if you cannot provide proper space for social distancing (1 meter) or cannot maintain such space between attendees of your events.