

August 20th, 2021

A Message from the Governor

- This is a message from IBARAGI Ryuta, governor of Okayama Prefecture.
- It has been decided that it would be in the country's best interest to implement quasi-emergency measures from August 20th until September 12th.
- Taking this into account, Okayama Prefecture will also be implementing quasi-emergency measures.
- The priority areas will be Okayama City and Kurashiki City.
- In particular, we would like to make the following three requests.
- First, we are calling for all restaurant establishments in Okayama City and Kurashiki City to reduce their business hours and close at 8PM, as well as halt the offering of alcohol at any hour of the day. We would also like for restaurants outside of Okayama and Kurashiki City to reduce their business hours and close at 8PM, as well as halt the offering of alcohol past 7PM.
- Second, we are calling for any large-scale facilities or establishments in Okayama City and Kurashiki City to reduce their hours of operation to 8PM.
- Third, we are calling for prefectural residents to refrain from unessential outings, even during the daytime. We strongly request that business operators reduce the number of staff in attendance by 70 percent.
- We understand that these restrictions are very strict and that we may cause some inconveniences for our residents yet again, but we ask for your help in preventing further spread of disease at any cost. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.