

August 2nd, 2021

A Message from the Governor

- This is a message from IBARAGI Ryuta, governor of Okayama Prefecture.
- Regarding the infection status within the prefecture, there has been a sudden increase of new cases centered around our younger residents. The 5th Wave of COVID-19 that we were concerned about is finally upon us.
- Before we fall into a dangerous situation, Okayama Prefecture will again take special preventative measures for the Delta variant. The duration for the Delta Variant Special Cautionary Period will be from August 4th until August 31st.
- The main changes from the Delta Cautionary Period will be the shortening of business hours for restaurant establishments, which will be shortened to 9PM. The serving of alcoholic beverages will be until 8PM.
- Okayama Prefecture is working towards enforcing thorough disease prevention measures at restaurant establishments, so that our residents are able to eat out even during the COVID-19 period.
- We will be placing a great burden on our residents and business owners, but we hope to have your understanding and cooperation during this period so that we can suppress the spread of infection sooner than later and protect the lives and well-being of our loved ones.