

June 21st, 2021

A Message from the Governor

- This is a message from IBARAGI Ryuta, governor of Okayama Prefecture.
- The state of emergency for Okayama Prefecture has been lifted as of June 21st. We would like to thank the residents of Okayama Prefecture for their cooperation and the workers in the medical field for their valiant efforts.
- At this current point, we were able to reduce the infection status in Okayama Prefecture down to Stage II. However, if we lift all requests we have made up until now, we will let our guard down completely, resulting in another surge of infections.
- In response to this, we have established the “Period for Rebound Prevention Reinforcements” initiatives in accordance with special measures prevention law, which will be in place from today until July 20th.
- The content of the initiatives mainly consists of the next two points.
- First, we ask that restaurant establishments in all areas of Okayama City shorten their business hours and close at 9PM. Alcoholic beverages are to be offered only between the hours of 11AM and 8PM.

As long as there is no projected surge of infections in the Kansai Region and within Okayama Prefecture, this initiative is to be implemented until June 30th.
- Second, we have established the “5 Okayama Rules” and “Mask Code”, which promote the reduction of outings to 50 percent and mask etiquette during meals. We encourage the residents of Okayama Prefecture to practice this initiative, as to prevent another surge of infections within the prefecture.
- We will be placing a burden on the residents and business owners of Okayama Prefecture for a short while, but we ask for your continued cooperation with the initiatives set forth, in order to protect the irreplaceable lives of our family and loved ones.