

May 28th, 2021

A Message from the Governor

- This is a message from IBARAGI Ryuta, governor of Okayama Prefecture.
- The government of Japan has decided to extend the length of the current State of Emergency from May 31st to June 20th.
- We would like to thank the residents of Okayama Prefecture for their understanding and cooperation in following the various strict measures in place for this State of Emergency.
- With foot traffic being curbed and a decrease in new cases, the State of Emergency has shown definite results. However, with the utilization rate of hospital beds remaining high, we are still in a precarious position.
- With the extension of this State of Emergency being determined, please continue to refrain from unessential outings at any time of the day.
- We are also calling on restaurant establishments and large-scale establishments to reduce their closing times to 8PM. In addition, we request that such businesses do not offer alcohol or karaoke at any point during their business hours.
- We understand that this will cast a heavy burden on the residents and business owners of the prefecture for a long period of time. We hope that we can have your continued cooperation in order to contain infections and protect the irreplaceable health and livelihoods of our family and loved ones.