# Okayama Prefecture: Delta Variant Special Cautionary Period

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Awareness is our key to victory  $\sim$ 

## 2021.8.2

## Main Changes from the Delta Variant Cautionary Period

#### Requests for Eating Establishments in Okayama City [New]

Delta Variant Cautionary Period: 7/21 - 8/3		Delta Varia	nt Special Cautionary Period 8/4 - 8/31
_	0	Reduce business h [New Protocol]	nours to 5AM - 9PM Article 24 Item 9
_		BPM	between the hours of 11AM - Article 24 Item 9
_	b e	<ul> <li>Restricting the offering of karaoke at businesses that mainly function as food and drink establishments.</li> <li>[New Protocol] Article 24 Item 9</li> </ul>	
Requests for Business	<u>Operators</u>		
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<ul> <li>Actively applying the COVID Measures Promotion Checkl</li> </ul>		Restaurant Bu	acquiring the Third Party usiness Certification for cation of Disease Prevention New Protocol

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1 Duration:

#### Wed. August 4th - Tues. August 31st

\*Delta Variant Cautionary Period ends on August 3rd

**②** Area of enforcement:

All areas of Okayama Prefecture Area of Priority: Okayama City

## <u>Requests for Prefectural Residents</u>

- 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.
  - $\circ$  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 Operators

- Preventing employees from working if they have a fever, cold or any other symptoms
- $\circ$  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
- Acquiring the Third Party Restaurant Business Certification for Thorough Disease Prevention Measures\*

\* Okayama Prefecture Third Party Restaurant Business Certification for Thorough Application of Disease Prevention Measures

A system in which restaurants, cafes and tearooms may be verified for following disease prevention measures after having their premises inspected. Application period will begin on August 2nd, 2021.

Call Center: 086-222-5611 (Weekdays 9:00 - 17:00)

#### Measures for Eating Establishments (all areas of Okayama Prefecture)

	Period         Wednesday, August 4th - Tuesday, August 31st			
I m p I	Target Establishme nts	<ul> <li>[Food and Drink Establishments] Restaurants and coffee shops (excluding takeout and delivery)</li> <li>[Entertainment Establishments] Restaurants that specialize in direct customer service and have repermission to operate through the Food Sanitation Law</li> <li>[Wedding Venues] Wedding ceremony venues</li> </ul>		
e mented Measures	Details of Measures	<ul> <li>(In accordance to Special Measures Law Article 45, Section 2)</li> <li>Reduction of business hours</li> <li>(Establishments that normally close at hours past 8PM will reduce their hours of operation within the interval of 5AM to 9PM, alcohol is only to be served between the hours of 11AM - 8PM)</li> <li>Restaurants that mainly function as a food and drink establishment are to refrain from offering karaoke services.</li> <li>Preventing customers who do not follow guidelines, such as wearing masks, from entering your establishment</li> <li>Installation of acrylic partitions and securing adequate space between seats, as to avoid airborne infections</li> <li>Disinfecting, encouraging staff to get examined, managing number of customers, preventing symptomatic customers from entering your establishment, disinfecting all areas of premises, thoroughly ventilating (in accordance to Special Measures Law Article 12, Section 1)</li> <li>(In accordance to Special Measures Law Article 24, Section 9)</li> <li>Thoroughly abiding by the guidelines for your specific type of business</li> <li>Properly using Moshisapo Okayama (disease tracking application)</li> <li>* Please keep the length (within 1.5 hours) and number of attendees (50 people or less, or half the capacity of the venue) at wedding ceremonies to an absolute minimum.</li> </ul>		

Establishments that will host social gatherings under the hosting restrictions are to strictly follow the requirements set forth. (in accordance to Special Measures Law Article 24, Section 9)

\* These measures do not apply to establishments that are expected to have nighttime visitors over an extended length of time, such as net and manga cafes. However we do request that such establishments manage the number of customers present and refrain from providing karaoke or alcohol to customers.



Get through the summer! The 3 Okayama Rules



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

★ Even after vaccination, the use of just <u>mask will help</u> you protect yourself as well as your loved ones

Protect Each Other! Move Closer to **U** 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 -



 $\sim$  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 $\sim$ 

#### oWhen 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.

Case(1)

Infections occurring from chats had while in the dressing room or at the smoking area

#### oWhen eating: "masked meals"

Only remove your mask when eating or drinking, including outdoor meals

Case Meeting up with 5 friends and their families for a barbecue, resulting in all members getting infected.

#### olf 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.

#### oMasking 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.

Case(4) 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.

 $\circ$  Throughly enforcing the wearing of masks, hand disinfection, ventilation and food and drink restrictions at the venue

 $\circ$  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

 $\circ$  Consulting with the prefecture ahead of time when hosting an even that will include 1000 or more participants from across the nation.

• 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	<ul> <li><u>Events with no loud voices: within 100% of venue capacity</u></li> <li>Classical music concerts, plays, dancing recitals traditional performing arts, entertainment performances, ceremonies, exhibitions</li> <li><u>Events with loud voices: within 50% of venue capacity</u></li> <li>Rock/pop concerts, sports events, public competitions, performances, events held at nightclubs or live houses</li> </ul>	

 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.