

# Okayama Prefecture: Period of Special Measures To Prevent Rebounding of COVID-19 Omicron Variant

- ① **Emergency Areas:**     All areas of Okayama Prefecture
- ② **Implementation Period:**     Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, March 31<sup>st</sup>

# Measures for Prefectural Residents

## [In accordance with Special Measures Law 24, Section 9]

- Refraining from showing up to work or attending school, and getting examined by a doctor in the case that you have even the slightest symptoms
- Abiding by the 4 “Okayama Rules” and “Mask Code”
- Thoroughly taking part in the “New Lifestyle”
- Avoiding crowded areas as well as visiting places during rush hour when going out
- Even within one’s household, having all members thoroughly implement basic disease prevention measures such as ventilating and thoroughly washing one’s hands
- Only dining at restaurants that have been certified as an Okayama Prefecture Restaurant Disease Control Measures Third-Party-Business, or restaurants that have thorough infection prevention measures in place. (See page 7 for more details)

## [Non law-enforced measures]

- Vaccinations have been proven to prevent infections, pathogeny and severe illness, so please get vaccinated if you have not already done so.



# Okayama Prefecture Quasi Emergency Measures Period The 4 “Okayama Rules”



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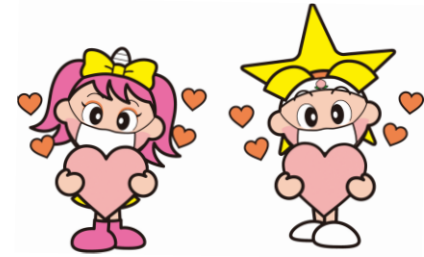
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- ★ When dining indoors, sit with no more than **4** people at the same table.
- ★ Avoid the **3** C's, wash your hands, and ventilate thoroughly.
- ★ When dining outdoors (such as at a barbecue or flower-viewing party/hanami), limit dining time to no more than **2** hours, and practice thorough infection prevention safety
- ★ Refrain from unessential travel, such as spring homecoming or travel to other prefectures. If you must travel outside the prefecture, manage your health for **1** week prior and afterward.

※Does not apply to all individuals made eligible for mitigation measures through vaccination history or examination confirmation documentation.

Protect Each Other! Move Closer to 0 Infection Risk!

# Rules in Consideration for Others: "Mask Code"



~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~

## ○ Correctly Wearing Non-woven Masks

Find a mask that firmly fits the shape of your face with out leaving any open spaces. It has been shown that masks made from non-woven materials, such as cloth or urethane, are more effective for disease prevention.

## ○ When 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

## ○ Being sure to wear a mask when conversing during meals

Be sure to wear a mask when conversing

Be sure to remain quiet during meals

**Case ②** A child visits home from outside of the prefecture and attends a family gathering, resulting in all members being infected

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| <p><b>Target Establishments</b></p> | <p><b>[Food and Drink Establishments]</b> Restaurants, tea houses and coffee shops (excluding takeout and delivery)</p> <p><b>[Entertainment Establishments]</b> Restaurants that specialize in direct customer service or karaoke and have received the Food Sanitation Law Approval for Business</p> <p><b>[Wedding Venues]</b> Wedding ceremony venues that have the Food Sanitation Law Approval for Business</p>   |
| <p><b>Details of Measures</b></p>   | <p><b><u>[In accordance with Special Measures Law 24, Section 9]</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Groups seated at the same tables limited to four or less people (excluding individuals that require supervision, such as infants and caregivers) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>※<b>Does not apply to all individuals made eligible for mitigation measures through vaccination history or examination confirmation documentation</b></li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Preventing customers who disobey guidelines, such as wearing masks, without sufficient reason from entering your establishment (includes having such customers leave the premises)</li> <li>○ Thoroughly implementing effective measures for preventing droplet infections, such as the installation of acrylic partitions and securing adequate space between seats etc.</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, thoroughly following measures in all sections of Special Measures Law Article 5</li> <li>○ Thoroughly abiding by the guidelines for your specific type of business</li> </ul> <p><b><u>[Non law-enforced measures]</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Working to obtain certification as an Okayama Prefecture Restaurant Disease Control Measures Third-Party-Business. (See page 7 for more details)</li> </ul> |

※ 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 the measures listed under “Measures for Facilities/Establishments” still apply.

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

## ● Special Requests for all Organizations

<Measures for Business Operators> \* Please actively publicize your implemented initiatives.

### [In accordance to Special Measures Law Article 24, Section 9]

- Abiding by the guidelines set forth for your business class
- Thoroughly managing and monitoring employees' daily health status, encouraging employees who feel uneasy about their health condition to get examined as soon as possible, and preventing employees from working if they have a fever, cold or any other symptoms.
- Thoroughly implementing disease prevention measures at the workplace (washing and disinfecting of hands, cough etiquette, securing sufficient distance between employees, enforcing ventilation at the workplace, disinfecting communal areas that are touched by multiple people, carrying out video conferences, staggering times for midday breaks, thoroughly implementing disease prevention measures at employee housing) and avoiding the "3 C's" as well as "The 5 High-risk Environments"
- Being especially careful in "change of pace" areas of the workplace (break rooms, dressing rooms, smoking areas), and being careful in settings where one is expected to meet with other staff members, such as cafeterias
- Abiding by and notifying others of the 4 "Okayama Rules" and "Mask Code"
- Considering granting employees with preexisting illnesses or conditions that put them at risk for severe symptoms, employees that are pregnant, or employees that live with such people the option to do telework in order to prevent the spread of disease.

### [Non Law-enforced Measures]

- Implementing vacation time for getting vaccinated and making efforts to create an environment in which employees can comfortably get vaccinated

## <Reference>

### <Okayama Prefecture Restaurant Disease Control Measures Third Party Certification System>

A system which verifies the restaurant establishments, cafes and tea houses that are assimilating to the COVID-19 disease prevention standards set forth. The applications for verification are accepted from August 2, 2021.

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