

# Okayama Prefecture: COVID-19 Quasi Emergency Measures

- ① **Emergency Areas:**     All areas of Okayama Prefecture
  
- ② **Implementation Period:**     Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, February 20<sup>th</sup>

## ● Measures for Prefectural Residents

### [In accordance with Special Measures Law 31, Article 6, Section 2]

- Halting unessential visits to restaurant establishments after shortened business hours

### [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
- Refraining from entering restaurants that do not thoroughly follow the prevention measures or shorten their business hours according to requests
- Avoiding high-risk behavior such as drinking in groups at parks, having gatherings and dinner parties within the region and going to karaoke
- For prefectural residents that have no symptoms but feel that they have been infected or have been in a high-risk environment, we ask that you take the free examinations offered by the prefecture.

### [Non law-enforced measures]

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



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



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**★ When eating in groups, limit the amount of participants to**

**4 or less family members or people that you see on an everyday basis, and finish such meetings within two hours.**

**★ Avoid the 3 C’s, wash your hands, and thoroughly ventilate.**

**★ Absolutely refrain from unessential trips to other emergency regions and prefectures. In the case that you must travel to another prefecture, be sure to manage your health for 2 weeks before and after your trip.**

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

**★ Even after getting vaccinated, the use of just 1 mask will protect you as well as your loved ones.**

**Protect Each Other! Move Closer to 0 Infection Risk!**

※Emergency regions and prefectures : Areas in which state of emergency or quasi emergency measures are in place

# 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

**Target Establishments**

<b>[Food and Drink Establishments]</b>	Restaurants, tea houses and coffee shops (excluding takeout and delivery)
<b>[Entertainment Establishments]</b>	Restaurants that specialize in direct customer service or karaoke and have received the Food Sanitation Law Approval for Business
<b>[Wedding Venues]</b>	Wedding ceremony venues that have the Food Sanitation Law Approval for Business

**Details of Measures**

**(In accordance to Special Measures Law 31 Article 6, Section 1) These are orders with correctional fines if not followed**

**[Certified Establishments]** ※Establishments that have acquired the Third Party Restaurant Business Certification for Thorough Disease Prevention Measures (Reference: pg. 11)

**Following all measures listed in ① or ② (and continuing to follow the measures of the initially selected option for the duration of the implementation period)**

①  Reduction of business hours (establishments that normally operate past 9PM are to reduce their hours of operation within the interval of 5AM to 9PM)

①  Only offering alcoholic beverages within the interval of 11AM to 8PM (including alcohol brought in by customers)

②  Reduction of business hours (establishments that normally operate past 8PM are to reduce their hours of operation within the interval of 5AM to 8PM)

②  Halting the offering of alcoholic beverages (including alcohol brought in by customers)

※ Establishments that choose to operate past 8 to 9PM may opt to operate at normal business hours, but they must limit the hours in which they offer alcoholic beverages with the interval of 11AM to 8PM (ineligible for Cooperation Payment)

**[Non Certified Establishments]**

Reduction of business hours (Establishments that normally close at hours past 8PM will reduce their hours of operation within the interval of 5AM to 8PM)

Halting the offering of alcoholic beverages (including alcohol brought in by customers)

**(In accordance with Special Measures Law 24, Section 9)**

Groups seated at the same tables limited to four or less people (excluding individuals that require supervision, such as infants and caregivers)

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

Preventing customers who disobey guidelines, such as wearing masks, without sufficient reason from entering your establishment (includes having such customers leave the premises)

Thoroughly implementing effective measures for preventing droplet infections, such as the installation of acrylic partitions and securing adequate space between seats etc.

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

Thoroughly abiding by the guidelines for your specific type of business

※ 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”(reference: pg. 6) 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
- Working toward implementing measures to decrease close contact, such as telework, staggered work shifts, commuting by bike etc.
- 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.
- 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)
- Abiding by and notifying others of the 4 "Okayama Rules" and "Mask Code"
- For operators that carry out duties indispensable to the daily lives of residents or securing economic stability (Decided by COVID-19 Disease Prevention Headquarters in the "Response Protocol for COVID-19 Disease Prevention Measures") or operators whose services support such duties are to sufficiently implement disease prevention measures. And in the event that an infection or close contact occurs, or in the event that employees unable to attend work increase, these operators are to continue their duties while taking the distinct characteristics of their services into account.

## **[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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