

Okayama Prefecture: Delta Variant Special Cautionary Period (August 5th Revised Version)

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Awareness is our key to victory ~

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Main Changes in Initiatives

■ Requests for Prefectural Residents

| Delta Variant Cautionary Period (8/4~8/31) | Delta Variant Special Cautionary Period (August 5 th Revised Version) (8/5~8/31) |
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| ○ Get through the summer! Follow the 3 Okayama Rules and the Summer Mask Code. | ○ Get through the summer! Follow the 5 Okayama Rules and the Summer Mask Code. |
| - | ○ When it is necessary to go outside, put the utmost effort into only being accompanied by family or acquaintances that you meet on a regular basis, and avoid crowded areas as well as visiting places during rush hour. 【New Initiative】 |
| - | ○ Avoid unessential night outings. 【New Initiative】 |
| ○ Avoid visiting restaurant establishments that do not thoroughly implement disease prevention measures. | ○ Avoid visiting restaurant establishments that do not thoroughly implement disease prevention measures or follow our request to shorten business hours. |
| ○ Get through the summer! Follow the 3 Okayama Rules. | ○ Get through the summer! Follow the 5 Okayama Rules. |
| ○ When attending dinner parties, including outdoor barbeques, avoid such gatherings if there are many people present, limit the duration of the gathering to two hours, and follow mask code even when eating. | ○ When eating in groups, limit the amount of participants to 4 or less people that you see on a regular basis, and finish such meetings within two hours. This includes outdoor barbeques (part of the 5 Okayama Rules). |

Okayama Prefecture Delta Variant Special Cautionary Period

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- ① **Duration:** **Wed. August 4th - Tues. August 31st**
※The Revised Version will begin on Thursday, August 5th
- ② **Area of enforcement:** **All areas of Okayama Prefecture**
Area of Priority: Okayama City

● Requests for Prefectural Residents

- Get through the summer by following the 5 “Okayama Rules” and abiding by the “Summer Mask Code”
- When it is necessary to go outside, put the utmost effort into only being accompanied by family or acquaintances that you meet on a regular basis, and avoid crowded areas as well as visiting places during rush hour.
- Avoiding unessential night outings
- Refraining from entering restaurants that do not thoroughly follow the prevention measures
- Avoiding large numbers of people, keeping the length of get-togethers limited to two hours 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.
- 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
- 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)

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| Period | | Wednesday, August 4th - Tuesday, August 31st |
| I m p l e m e n t e d M e a s u r e s | Target Establishments | <p>【Food and Drink Establishments】 Restaurants and coffee shops (excluding takeout and delivery)</p> <p>【Entertainment Establishments】 Restaurants that specialize in direct customer service and have received permission to operate through the Food Sanitation Law</p> <p>【Wedding Venues】 Wedding ceremony venues</p> |
| | Details of Measures | <p><u>(In accordance to Special Measures Law Article 45, Section 2)</u></p> <p>○ Reduction of business hours</p> <p>(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)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Restaurants that mainly function as a food and drink establishment are to refrain from offering karaoke services. ○ Preventing customers who do not follow guidelines, such as wearing masks, from entering your establishment ○ Installation of acrylic partitions and securing adequate space between seats, as to avoid airborne infections ○ 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) <p><u>(In accordance to Special Measures Law Article 24, Section 9)</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Thoroughly abiding by the guidelines for your specific type of business ○ Properly using Moshisapo Okayama (disease tracking application) <p>※ 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.</p> |

> 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 5 Okayama Rules



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- ★ Decrease frequency of outings (including shopping for essential items) by 50 percent.
- ★ When eating in groups, limit the amount of participants to 4 or less people that you see on a regular basis, and finish such meetings within two hours. This includes outdoor barbeques.
- ★ Continue to avoid the 3 C's.
- ★ When travelling home for Obon or Summer Holiday avoid travel to high-risk regions, and properly manage your physical condition for 2 weeks in the case that you visit such regions.
- ★ The use of just 1 mask will protect you as well as your loved ones.

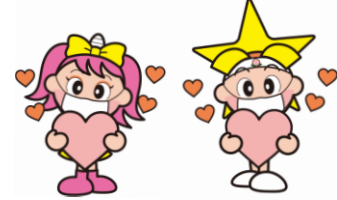
Protect Each Other! Move Closer to 0 Infection Risk!

※ 1 Before the Spread of Infection : Pre-COVID (Before January 2020)

※ 2 High-risk area : Areas with state of emergency initiatives or emergency disease prevention measures in place

Rules in Consideration for Others: The Summer Code

– Prevent infection and heatstroke by making wise decisions and showing restraint –



~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~

○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.

Case① Infections occurring from chats had while in the dressing room or at the smoking area

○When eating: “masked meals”

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

Case② Meeting up with 5 friends and their families for a barbecue, resulting in all members getting infected.

○If 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.

○Masking 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. Continue this for at least two weeks.

Case④ 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.
- Thoroughly enforcing the wearing of masks, hand disinfection, ventilation and food and drink restrictions at the venue
- 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
- 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:

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| Max Number of Attendees | 5000 people, or within half of the venue's capacity 5,000 |
| Capacity Rates | <u>Events with no loud voices: within 100% of venue capacity</u> Classical music concerts, plays, dancing recitals, traditional performing arts, entertainment performances, ceremonies, exhibitions <u>Events with loud voices: within 50% of venue capacity</u> Rock/pop concerts, sports events, public competitions, performances, events held at nightclubs or live houses |

- 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.