

A Message from the Governor in Anticipation of Simultaneous Waves of COVID-19 and Influenza Infection

The number of new positive COVID-19 cases has been increasing.

Additionally, there are concerns about a simultaneous wave of seasonal influenza this winter, which could once again put strain on the healthcare system.

In order to balance the prevention of the spread of infection with social and economic activities, we request that you take basic infection prevention measures to prepare for a simultaneous outbreak.

○Thoroughly enforce basic infection prevention measures

Continue to appropriately take basic infection prevention measures such as wearing a mask, washing/disinfecting your hands, and avoiding the 3 C's (Closed spaces, Crowded places, and Close-contact settings).

○Be prepared for illness

Purchase at-home antigen test kits as well as fever-reducing medicine and painkillers for at-home treatment in advance to prepare for fevers and other health problems.

※ Be careful to avoid kits meant for "Research Use". Please use government-approved test kits specified for "Medical Use" as diagnostic products, or those under the classification of first-class drugs specified for "Over-the-Counter Use".



Pharmacies that support the sale of at-home antigen test kits (for "medical use") in the prefecture (Okayama Pharmaceutical Association)

○Get vaccinated early on

Get vaccinated for COVID-19 and seasonal influenza early on.

▪ COVID-19 Vaccine:

To prevent the onset of infection and also lessen the severity of infection, please receive the latest Omicron strain-compatible vaccine as early on as possible.

▪ Influenza Vaccine:

If you wish to receive influenza vaccination, please do so as early on as possible.

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