

Future approach for countermeasures against the Novel Coronavirus infection

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Based on the fact that the state of emergency has now been lifted nationwide, Kyoto Prefecture's efforts regarding future countermeasures against the Novel Coronavirus infection will be dealt with as follows.

1. Building a society that can live “With Corona”

The recent lifting of the state of emergency does not mark the end of the Novel Coronavirus pandemic, and it is necessary for us to prepare to fight this virus for the long haul. Going forwards, it is important for us to begin to increase the levels of socio-economic activity whilst maintaining alertness to the virus.

To meet this end, we are determining the role that Kyoto’s industries will need to play in a “Post Corona” society, and not limited just to these industries we are beginning to formulate various strategies in order to best cope in a society “With Corona” in all fields such as child care and education.

Furthermore, in the event that we begin to once again see the spread of infections, the medical field is rapidly shifting to a state of preparedness regarding Coronavirus infections, which is coupled with the flexible handling of Coronavirus designated sickbeds, an intensifying in the preparation of sickbeds, an increased level of clarity within institutions, the securing of lodgings at facilities for medical treatments, greatly enhancing the system for PCR testings, and more, all in our efforts to prepare the medical examination system for a possible second wave of Coronavirus infections.

2. The establishment of a “New normal lifestyle”

We are aiming to establish a “New normal lifestyle” in order to prevent the spread of infections, and this consists of the continuation of the fundamental infection prevention measures that we have implemented so far such as avoiding the “Three Cs”, “Maintaining distances between person-to-person”, “wearing a mask”, and “hand washing and other hand hygiene practices”.

Furthermore, we will be implementing contact confirmation applications for use via smartphones, among other ICT uses in order to best prevent the spread of infections.

3. Going outside, and similar activities

- Until the 31st May, we are continuing to request that you avoid any unnecessary and non-urgent travel across prefectures, and to avoid visiting facilities where clusters have known to have developed thus far.
- From June 1st until June 18th, we are encouraging you to make careful considerations regarding any unnecessary and non-urgent travel to Hokkaido, Saitama, Chiba, Tokyo and Kanagawa.
- Furthermore, we are encouraging your continued cooperation in visiting the types of facilities that have been known to have developed clusters so far, until the appropriate infection control measures have been fully implemented.

4. Holding of events

- Until the 18th June, assuming that the appropriate infection countermeasures are implemented:
 - Indoor events must have less than 100 participants, and the number of participants must not exceed half of the capacity of the venue
 - Outdoor events must have less than 200 participants, and there must be an allowance for the proper maintenance of distances between people (2 meters where possible)
- From June 19th onwards, the scale limits for events (the upper limit for the number of participants allowed) will gradually be relaxed based upon the guidelines stipulated by the nation's basic countermeasures.

5. The use of facilities

- Until the 31st May, for the types of facilities that have experienced cluster outbreaks so far, we ask for your continued cooperation in the restriction of their usage.
- After June 1st, we will be lifting the requests for usage restrictions on the condition that there is the carrying out of appropriate infection prevention measures, such as the practicing of the points outlined in the prevention guidelines for each industry, etc. However, should a cluster occur then we will consider reimplementing the request for cooperation regarding the restriction of facility usage.
- For universities, with reference to the "Guidelines for reopening universities", which has been created in collaboration with each individual university, we recommend that each university prepare its own manual on preventing the spread of infections, and implement the appropriate infection prevention measures. With the prior mentioned as the prerequisite, the request for cooperation in facility use restrictions will be lifted on May 28th.

6. Travelling to work, etc.

- We are continuing to encourage businesses to implement working from home (telework), flexitime, and other measures to best reduce contact between people.
- We encourage the implementation of appropriate measures to prevent the spread of infection, such as those listed in the infection prevention guidelines for workplaces and stores that have been established for each industry.

7. Preparing for the second wave

The standards for alertness, and the standards for the possible re-requesting of self-restraint, are based upon various indicators that we are using to constantly monitor the current infection status and the conditions of the medical care systems, changes in these figures will be announced as and when.

Restrictions on outings, holding events, and restrictions on the usage of facilities will be moderated, assessed comprehensively and we ask for your cooperation while monitoring the situation of the infections among neighboring prefectures.