

# Transitioning from the state of emergency to the next stage

February 26<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Kyoto Prefectural Government

# 1 Measures to prevent a resurgence of COVID-19 infections during the next stage

At 00:00, midnight, on February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2021, we will lift the Kyoto Prefectural state of emergency measures, which were put in place on January 12<sup>th</sup> to prevent COVID-19 infections following the lifting of the previous state of emergency in the area of Kyoto Prefecture. We will make the following requests which will be effective from 00:00 midnight of March 1<sup>st</sup> till 24:00 midnight of March 14<sup>th</sup>.

1 Duration period: March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021 to March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

2 Request based on the Special Measures Law Article 24-9

(1) Refrain from outings

- We ask for cooperation in refraining from un-necessary and non-urgent outings during both the day and night.

(2) Request restaurants and bars to shorten business hours

① Area and duration period

- Kyoto City: From 00:00, March 1<sup>st</sup> to 24:00, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021
- Areas outside of Kyoto City: 00:00, March 1<sup>st</sup> to 24:00, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

② Content

Request restaurants and entertainment businesses with restaurant business licenses authorized under the Food Sanitation Act to shorten the opening hours of their outlets till 9 p.m. (Alcoholic beverages are to be served from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.)

Type of business outlet	Request
<b>【Restaurant business】</b> Restaurants (including izakaya), cafés, etc. (excluding food delivery, takeout services)	Request to shorten opening hours - open from 5 a.m. to 9 p.m.
<b>【Entertaining business】</b> Bars, karaoka boxes, etc. that are licensed to operate as restaurant under the Food Sanitation Act	11 a.m. to 8 p.m. for the serving of alcoholic beverages

※Excluding internet and manga cafés, etc. that are aimed to be used as accommodation facility by users.

Grant for outlet which follow the request for shortening opening hours

Grant	40,000 yen per outlet per day (excluding regular holidays) in response to requests for shortening working hours
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(3) Organizing of events

- We request event organizers to meet the following criteria (details are listed separately)

**【Upper limit of the number of people】**

Larger cases – either a maximum of 5,000 people, or 50% of accommodation capacity (10,000 people or less)

※In the case of no loud cheering: 100%

- Prior consultation: If an event involves nationwide movements of people, or more than 1,000 participants, an event organizer must consult with the Kyoto Prefectural Consultation Office in

advance.

(4) Going to work, etc.

- Aim to reduce the number of commuting employees by 70% through teleworking. If teleworking is difficult, promote staggering working days, working hours as well as bicycle commuting.
- If teleworking is difficult due to the type of business being conducted, avoid crowded situations in the workplace by staggering weekly holidays or taking leaves.

## 2 Preventing a resurgence of COVID-19

(1) Restaurants

- Implement thorough prevention measures such as setting up acrylic partitions to prevent droplet transmissions of COVID-19
- Carry out thorough the prevention guidelines, such as ensuring proper and regular ventilation of spaces and securing appropriate distances between tables.

<At restaurants>

- Hand sanitizing before eating and after leaving the restaurants.
- Wearing a mask when having a conversation and lowering your voice.
- Plan to limit the number of people to 4 persons (not including family members who live with you), and keep the length to no more than 2 hours.

(2) Universities

- Stagger graduation ceremonies and entrance ceremonies, or adopt an online format, and limit participants to the person who is graduating or entering the school.
- Freshmen and people who travel home to Kyoto, they are required to monitor their health for 2 weeks before their departure.
- When identifying new cases, Public Health centers will trace their activities.
- Regular checks and adjustments of the prevention measures for dormitories and field trips from club activities are required

<Students>

- Refrain from drinking and dining events and graduation trips (graduation parties and farewell/welcome reception, etc.)

(3) Elderly care centers

- Refrain from visiting medical and elderly care facilities for the time being.

<People who work, use, and come and go to and from these facilities>

- Thorough prevention measures to implement the “New Normal” lifestyle.

### 3 Be responsible to avoid becoming infected and spreading the virus!

Infectious diseases can be spread via droplets coming from the mouth and the nose.

(1) Thorough prevention measures against droplet infections

- Wear a mask when having a conversation !

(2) Thorough prevention of the spread of the virus when eating and drinking.

- Please practice a new way of eating out, *koshoku*, eating alone, and *mokushoku*, silent eating.
- Refrain from partying or home partying with individuals who aren't members of your immediate family that you live with.

(3) Fresh start from this Spring

- Refrain from having leaving or welcoming parties or seasonal *Hanami parties*, cherry blossom viewing parties, towards to the end of this fiscal year. Remain on alert when taking part in outings or participating in events.