

An Urgent Request to All Citizens of Echizen City

Due to the increase in COVID-19 infections, today the national government has declared a state of emergency in the prefectures of Tokyo, Kanagawa, Saitama, Chiba, Osaka, Hyogo, and Fukuoka.

In Echizen City, the city emergency headquarters has held 22 meetings in response to the situation. Still, the number of COVID-19 infections in Echizen City continues to increase.

Consequently, the following is requested of all citizens.

<A Plea to all Citizens>

- Please refrain from leaving your homes in all nonessential and nonurgent matters.
- Please wear a face mask when leaving your homes.
- In addition to thoroughly practicing infection prevention measures such as careful handwashing and cough etiquette, please take your temperature daily, document your health condition, eat nutritionally balanced meals, take care to get plenty of sleep, and take care of your physical health to the best of your ability.
- Please avoid the “three C’s”: Confined spaces (with poor ventilation); Crowded places (with many people nearby); and Close contact (with people).
- Please avoid being misled by unreliable information, refrain from overreacting to the situation, treat each other with mutual consideration, and remain calm.

<A Plea to All People at Workplaces>

- Please take adequate infection prevention measures at your workplaces.
- As much as possible, handle meetings and interactions with other workplaces via telephone and email. When visiting other workplaces, please ensure that your body is in good health and that you wear a face mask.

In addition, the following initiatives are being put forth by the city. Your cooperation and understanding are appreciated.

<City Initiatives>

- Public assemblies and meetings are currently postponed or suspended.

- Please refrain from nonessential and nonurgent visits to city offices. Many city functions can be performed over mail instead of in person. Consultations can be completed over the phone.
- When you must use city services in person, please stand in with plenty of space between you and the next person, and refrain from standing too close to personnel.
- Staff members are being spaced out to safe distances in order to prevent infection.
- Staff members are required to take their temperatures before work, to wear face masks at their stations, and to utilize alcohol spray, wash their hands, and gargle. They are also discouraged from going out for all nonessential and nonurgent government and private business.
- Anybody with a cough or a fever is asked not to enter government office buildings.

The lives and health of our citizens are our primary focus, and we are taking all steps to prevent further spread of the infection. We ask for your understanding and cooperation. We ask all citizens not to be misled by damaging misinformation, and to remain calm, and apply proper precautionary measures.

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