

Activation of the Fukuoka Corona Alert

Wednesday, July 28, 2021

The Fukuoka Prefectural Government's Corona Task Force held a meeting and decided to issue the "Fukuoka Corona Alert" and the request to all prefectural residents and businesses.



Fukuoka Corona Alert

As of July 27, 2021

Key Indicators		July 25 th	July 26 th	July 27 th
New Cases	3 - day average (most recent average)	137.6 People	144.3 People	190.0 People
	7-day average (most recent average)	↑ 117.7 people	↑ 135.7 people	↑ 156.4 people
Hospital Bed Occupancy Rate		15.7% (222/1,413 beds)	15.5% (220/1,413 beds)	15.7% (222/1,413 beds)
Critical Care Bed Occupancy Rate		5.4% (11/201 beds)	4.4% (9/201 beds)	under investigation



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Indicators	Issuing the Alert		Lifting the Alert	
	Fukuoka Corona Alert	Fukuoka Special Corona Alert	Fukuoka Corona Alert	Fukuoka Special Corona Alert
New cases	The 7-day average of new cases continues to increase or Increase in the 3-day average of new cases to 100 people/day or more	The 7-day average of new cases continues to increase or Increase in the 3-day average of new cases to 180 people/day or more	Continued downward trend of the 7-day average new cases or the 7-day average new cases decreases to less than 35 people/day	Continued downward trend of the 7-day average new cases or the 7-day average new cases decreases to less than 100 people/day
Hospital Bed Occupancy Rate	Above 15%	Above 30%	Below 20%	Below 50%
Critical Care Bed Occupancy Rate	Above 10%	Above 20%	Below 15%	Below 30%

* The issuance and lifting of alert and special alert will be judged comprehensively based on each indicator and with reference to the opinions of municipalities and experts

On Thursday, July 15, we reviewed the "Fukuoka Corona Alert" a prefectural index to enable us to take prompt and appropriate action when there are signs of a rebound of the infection, and we have been closely monitoring the infection situation and medical institutions, focusing on these three key indicators. The following are the key indicators of the "Fukuoka Corona Alert".

- (1) The number of new cases has increased to 190 as of Tuesday, July 27, as the 3-day moving average has been above the 100-person threshold for triggering the alert since Thursday, July 22, while the 7-day average continues to increase.
- (2) The hospital bed occupancy rate has been above 15% since Saturday, July 24, and was 15.7% as of Tuesday, July 27.
- (3) The critical care bed occupancy rate was 4.4% as of Monday, July 26, compared to the 10% of the indicator.

This means that two key indicators, with the exception of the critical care bed occupancy rate, are above the warning guidelines.

In addition to this

- The vaccination of people under 64 years of age has not started, and there are concerns that the number of new cases and the severity of the disease will continue to increase significantly.
- The positive rate for the delta strain rose from 16.4% in early July to 31.2% recently.
- An increase of the number of people, including those coming from the Tokyo metropolitan area and Kansai area where the infection is spreading rapidly.
- Periods of increased human traffic such as summer vacation and Obon holidays

For these and other reasons, there is a concern that if the current trend continues, the spread of the infection will exceed the fourth wave and the burden on the medical institutions will increase rapidly.

Fukuoka Corona Alert ⚠️ in Effect ⚠️

We believe that it is necessary to strengthen infection prevention measures, and after making a comprehensive judgment based on the opinions of experts and consultations with municipalities, we are issuing the “Fukuoka Corona Alert” today. We would like to ask for the understanding and cooperation of all prefectural residents and businesses, as we will again be asking them to take strict measures such as refraining from going out and shortening business hours.

Request to Prefectural Residents

To All Prefectural Residents

**Especially after
21:00**

**Including daytime
Refrain From
Unnecessary Outings**



The alert period is from July 29 (THU) to August 29 (SUN). We ask that you refrain

from unnecessary outings, including during the daytime. Especially, please refrain from going out unnecessarily after 9pm.

- Areas under a State of Emergency
- Priority measures zone for prevention of spread of disease, etc.

Refrain from unnecessary travel to **Infected areas!**

Refrain from unnecessary traveling across prefectural borders, especially to and from prefectures that are State of Emergency or priority measures areas. If you have no choice but to travel to or from the prefectures in the emergency measures zone, please take advantage of the PCR and other tests conducted at airports at your departure and arrival points.

With summer vacation coming up, some of you may have travel plans. Considering that cancellation fees that may incur, we do not ask you to make any unreasonable changes today or tomorrow, but we do ask you to be cautious and take proper infection prevention measures.

From August 1 (SUN), when we are requesting restaurants and other establishments to shorten their working hours, we ask that you refrain from unnecessary outings.



Do not enter or leave a restaurant after 21:00



Eating and drinking in groups on the street or in parks is prohibited



Regarding to eating and drinking. Please do not enter or leave restaurants after hours when the change of business hours is requested. Refrain from high risk infection activities, such as eating and drinking in groups on the street or in parks.

Guidelines to Avoid Infection Risk while at Restaurants

	Regulations Restaurants and Bars need to follow	Regulations people need to follow
Restaurants, Bars, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○The distance between people should be maintained. The distance between seats should be at least 1 m. Seats should not be placed directly in front of each other or set up an acrylic board on the table to separate them. The distance between tables should be 1 m or more, or separated by acrylic panels. Maintain a distance of at least 1 m between counter seats. Keep a distance of at least 1 meter between tables or separate them with acrylic panels. ○Thorough ventilation Adequate ventilation should be ensured by opening all windows in two directions for about 5 minutes once every 30 minutes. ○Request to people, etc. Encourage people to wear masks except when eating or drinking. Encourage people to take their temperature and disinfect their hands when they enter the restaurant. Encourage people to avoid pouring drinks among each other, passing glasses around, and talking loudly with other people. Encourage people to not to stay for long periods of time (more than 2 hours). When groups use multiple tables, encourage them to refrain from moving between tables. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ When making a reservation Please make sure that the restaurant is well ventilated and that there is enough distance between people, such as a restaurant with an infection prevention sticker or an infection prevention certification ○ When at restaurant Cooperate with the infection prevention measures of the restaurants you go to. Wear a mask except when eating or drinking. Take a temperature and disinfect hands when entering a restaurant. Refrain from behaviors that increase the risk of infection, such as pouring drinks among people, passing glasses around, and talking loudly. Refrain from using restaurants for longer than two hours. When using multiple tables in a group, refrain from moving between tables.

	Regulations Restaurants and Bars need to follow	Regulations people need to follow
Banquet Halls	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○The distance between people should be maintained. When food is served, they shall be limited to 50% of the capacity. When food is to be served in a seated style. (Standing meals shall not be provided.) The distance between seats should be at least 1 m. Seats should not be placed directly in front of each other or set up an acrylic board on the table to separate them. The distance between tables should be 1 m or more, or separated by acrylic panels. Maintain a distance of at least 2 m between greeters (stage) and participants. Or set up acrylic panels to separate them. ○Thorough ventilation Ventilate the venue by using ventilation machines or opening doors. ○Announcement to people etc. Encourage the organizer to have a pre-registration system so that the participants can be identified. Promote the use of masks, except when eating or drinking, through announcements in the venue. Encourage people to take their temperature and disinfect their hands when they enter the restaurant. Encourage people to avoid pouring drinks among each other, passing glasses around, and talking loudly with other people. Avoid moving from one table to another. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○When making a reservation The organizer shall select a venue that is large enough to ensure a distance of at least 1 meter between people (when seated) based on the expected number of participants. If food is to be served, the venue should be within 50% of the capacity. Do not provide a standing style buffet. ○ When at Banquet Hall Cooperate with the infection prevention measures of the Banquet Hall you go to. Wear a mask except when eating or drinking. Take a temperature and disinfect hands when entering banquet hall Refrain from behaviors that increase the risk of infection, such as pouring drinks among people, passing glasses around, and talking loudly. Refrain from using banquet hall for longer than two hours. Avoid moving from one table to another.

Regardless of the number of people, if infection prevention measures are not sufficient, the risk of infection will increase. Especially when eating with a large group of people, it is easy for droplets to fly when talking loudly. Therefore, we recommend that people comply with the prefectural government's "Guidelines to

Avoid Infection Risk while at Restaurants” and refrain from eating at restaurants if infection prevention measures are not sufficient.

When using Restaurants



No more than 2 hours
for meals



Use masks when talking.
No loud voices



Please refrain from eating for long periods of time, wear a mask when talking, and refrain from shouting. We ask that you do the same for outdoor barbecues and dinners at private homes.

Request to Restaurant and Bar Owners

Shortening Business Hours of Restaurants

August 1 (Sunday) - August 29 (Sunday)

5:00 ~ 21:00

Alcohol Serving

Stop serving at **20:30**

Please set the hours of operation from 5:00 to 21:00, with alcoholic beverages served from 11:00 and order-stop at 20:30, for the entire prefecture from midnight on Sunday, August 1 to 24:00 on Sunday, August 29.

[Effected Areas] All areas within the prefecture

To establishments primarily engaged in the business of eating and drinking, and **Karaoke** (Snacks bars, karaoke cafes, etc.)
Karaoke boxes are not included.

Refrain from using karaoke facilities

If you provide karaoke facilities in a store that mainly serves food and drinks (snack shops, karaoke cafes, etc.), please refrain from using such facilities. This does not apply to karaoke boxes. As an infection prevention measure, please comply with the prefectural government's "Guidelines to Avoid Infection Risk while at Restaurants"

which requires that the space between seats be 1 meter or that acrylic panels be installed.

Cooperation money for restaurants

Based on sales

25000~75000 Yen/Day

*For large companies, the maximum amount is 200,000 yen per day, depending on the amount of sales decrease.

Forward payment of cooperation money

To restaurants and other establishments that have received Cooperation money in the past, a portion of the cooperation money (500,000 yen) will be given in advance.

Restaurants that respond to requests to shorten their business hours will be given a cooperation fee. The amount is between 25,000 yen and 75,000 yen per day depending on the amount of sales, and up to 200,000 yen per day for large companies depending on the amount of sales reduction. For this cooperation fee, which is the tenth time providing this fee, restaurants that have already received the cooperation money will receive a portion of the money in advance. The amount of advance payment will be 500,000 yen (25,000 yen x 20 days), and the difference will be additionally paid when the application is submitted. The application for the advance payment is scheduled to be accepted from August 1, and the details will be announced separately. We would like to ask for the cooperation of all businesses that are in affected to make use of this system.

To facilities that attract visitors

To facilities that attract customers
Request to shorten business hours

August 1 (Sunday) - August 29 (Sunday)

Close at 21:00

For all areas within the prefecture, we request that operating hours be from 5:00 am to 21:00 and that alcoholic beverages be served from 11:00 to 20:30 from midnight on Sunday, August 1 to 24:00 on Sunday, August 29. We also request that you organize and guide visitors so that there is no congestion inside and outside the facility.

Request Businesses

Commuting to Work

● **Staggered work hours and bicycle commuting, even when working from home (telework)**

● **Thorough infection prevention practices in break rooms, changing rooms, and smoking rooms.**

Reduced
attendance
by 70%.

Thoroughly implement work from home (telework) with the aim of “reducing the number of employees who go to work by 70%,” and even in workplaces where attendance is necessary, promote initiatives to reduce human contact, such as staggered work hours and bicycle commuting. Clusters in offices are also increasing. Please be careful when going to break rooms, changing rooms, and smoking rooms. We also ask that all employees, both inside and outside the workplace, be encouraged to take thorough infection prevention measures.

Events

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Limit of 10,000 People

Until August 29th

According to the national response, the limit of the number of people was set at 10,000 until Wednesday, August 11, and was set to be 20,000 after Thursday, August 12, but based on the infection situation in this prefecture, the limit of 10,000 will be continued until Sunday, August 29 as the prefecture's own measure. However, in light of the situation in our prefecture, we will continue the limit of 10,000 until Sunday, August 29th.

Lastly

Compared to early April, when the fourth wave began, the number of hospital beds for COVID patients has increased from 770 to 1,413 (of which critical care beds have increased from 111 to 201), and the number of temporary accommodation facilities has increased from 1,387 rooms in six facilities to 2,106 rooms in ten facilities, significantly strengthening the system for providing medical care. We will continue our efforts to secure hospital beds so that we can provide appropriate medical treatment and recuperation according to the symptoms of patients.

For vaccines, we believe that a certain effect has been achieved, as the second vaccination rate has progressed to about 70% for the elderly aged 65 and above, and the number of new cases and hospital admissions for the elderly both decreased significantly in July compared to June. We will continue to support municipalities to ensure the smooth implementation of vaccinations.

PCR testing at airports, etc.1000 tests
per day**Fukuoka Airport****July 28th[~]****Kitakyushu Airport****July 30th[~]****Kokura Station****August 2nd [~]****Hakata Station****August 4th [~]**

Free PCR test will be conducted at airports and major stations at a maximum of 1,000 per day for people who are traveling to and from areas subject to emergency measures and priority measures to prevent the spread of the disease. Free PCR testing will start at Fukuoka Airport today, Kitakyushu Airport on Friday, July 30, Kokura Station on Monday, August 2, and Hakata Station on Wednesday, August 4. Please take advantage of this service.

We apologize for any inconvenience and hardship this may cause, and ask for the continued understanding and cooperation of all prefectural residents and businesses. Let's all work together to control this infection.