

Nationwide State of Emergency Announcement

Information on the novel coronavirus, COVID-19, in Kagoshima Prefecture

A nationwide State of Emergency has been put into effect as of the 16th April. This announcement was issued to request people to avoid traveling to other prefectures in order to prevent the disease from spreading.

Currently, Kagoshima Prefecture has 4 cases and all of them have come from other prefectures. From the perspective of the limitations of the movement of people, Golden Week will be a very important season for the prefecture.

Please understand and cooperate with the terms written below this.

From what has been already announced, please avoid nonessential travelling. As a nationwide effort to stop the spread of the disease and protect lives of people is ongoing, please refrain from visiting to any and all prefectures.

Unless for essential and/or otherwise vital needs such as: going to the hospital; buying food, medicine or necessities; going to your workplace (if imperative); activities such as jogging or walks, please refrain from leaving your home unnecessarily. Avoid going to places to eat and drink with waiting staff according to the request by the central government. As shops of daily necessities shall continue on, please do not hoard items or be panic into buying. I ask you to show reserve and composure.

As to the commuting, I don't ask you to refrain from it, but please implement measures such as working from home, staggering work hours and riding your bike to avoid unnecessary contact. Also, please avoid holding events to help eliminate the possibility of a spike in cases.

As I already asked you in the past messages, please respond quietly.

Since the people have been continuing to wash your hands and practice coughing etiquette thoroughly, we have only 4 cases so far in the prefecture. As the central government issued the State of Emergency, I ask your cooperation to prevent the spread of the disease during and after the Golden Week.

In short, it is very important that we protect the people, ourselves, families, the homeland Kagoshima itself and society. It is imperative you are self-aware of the actions you now choose to take.

Going forward, every step you make has a large effect to prevent COVID-19 from spreading. Let us all together try our best to protect Kagoshima.

Thank you for your continued understanding.

MITAZONO Satoshi, Governor of Kagoshima Prefecture.