

Request to All Citizens and Business Owners Beginning March 22, 2022

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The New Coronavirus Countermeasures Headquarters has officially decided that the semi-state of emergency COVID-19 measures in Saitama Prefecture will conclude after the designated period of effect ends on March 21, 2022.

Beginning on March 22, 2022, in order to prevent further spread of infection and to work towards the coexistence of infection-prevention measures and socioeconomic activities, we humbly ask for your cooperation regarding the following requests. This will remain in effect for the time being.

1 Requests to Citizens

Request based on the Act on Special Measures for Pandemic Influenza and New Infectious Diseases Preparedness and Response (henceforth “Act on Special Measures”), Article 24, Paragraph 9

○ **If you think you may be infected**

- Regardless of whether you are exhibiting infection symptoms or if you have been vaccinated, please get tested.

※ This applies to individuals who fulfill the following three conditions:

- ① You are not exhibiting symptoms, including fever (If you are exhibiting symptoms, please get examined by a doctor.)
- ② Regardless of whether or not you have been vaccinated, you think you may be infected due to reasons such as having been in an environment with a high risk of infection
- ③ You reside in Saitama Prefecture

- Outings and Travel (Other requests)
 - When traveling outside of the prefectural borders for purposes such as returning home or recreational travel, please strictly adhere to basic infection-prevention measures (social distancing, wearing a mask, hand washing and sanitation, etc.), and avoid the “Three Cs,” in addition to abstaining from high infection-risk behavior.
 - If you feel unwell, please refrain from going out (to dining and drinking facilities, participating in events, etc.)
- Use of Dining and Drinking Facilities (Other requests)
 - Please use facilities which adhere to industry-specific guidelines, especially Sai-no-Kuni “New Lifestyle” Safety Declaration Plus-certified dining and drinking facilities, which implement measures to protect the lives of their patrons.
- Infection-Prevention Measures Taking into Account the Characteristics of the Omicron Variant (Other requests)

Please adhere to the following infection-prevention measures to lower the risk of infection :

 - Avoid long periods of eating and drinking as much as possible, and do not speak in a loud voice
 - Always wear a mask when speaking with others
 - Avoid going to places that pose a high risk of infection
 - Even within your own home, regularly ventilate the rooms and frequently wash your hands
 - Strictly adhere to infection-prevention measures for children
 - The elderly or those with underlying health conditions should meet only with the people they see regularly, in small groups

2 Requests to Businesses (including facility managerial staff)

(1) Requests to All Businesses

Request based on the Act on Special Measures, Article 24, Paragraph 9

- Please use and adhere to resources such as the Sai-no-Kuni “New Lifestyle” Safety Declaration and the industry-specific guidelines, which were designed to assist businesses and facilities with specific independent measures to prevent the spread of infection.
- Infection-Prevention Measures Taking into Account the Characteristics of the Omicron Variant (other requests)
 - For work places continuing business, proceed with plans to reduce the number of people in the workplace through systems such as working at home (telework), etc.
 - Regarding Efforts in Confirmation of Vaccination and Test Results (other requests)
 - While raising increasing the peace of mind and safety of citizens, in an effort to restore and continue socioeconomic activities, it is recommended that confirmation of vaccination and test results be conducted in settings and places thought to have a high risk of infection such as dining and drinking facilities, events, travel, etc. However, take care that this does not cause unfair discrimination.
 - ※ Pre-school aged children (generally under 6 years of age) who are accompanied by a parent or other guardian that lives with them do not need to provide test results. Please provide test results for children aged 6-11 until they have received two vaccines.

3 Requests to Dining and Drinking Facilities (other requests)

- Please use and adhere to the Sai-no-Kuni “New Lifestyle” Safety Declaration.
- If your facility is not certified as Sai-no-Kuni “New Lifestyle” Safety Declaration Plus Dining and Drinking Facility, please

obtain this certification as soon as possible. Furthermore, if your facility does not obtain this certification, please maintain business hours between 5 a.m. and 8 p.m. and refrain from serving alcohol.