

Measures from April 18 Concerning Preventing the Further Spread of Infection  
Following the Extension of the State of Emergency

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In midst of the grave circumstances posed by the outbreak around Japan, Oita is also facing its own challenges with a rise in patients whose contact histories remain unclear. Yesterday, the state of emergency has been extended to all prefectures across the nation.

In light of current situations, in addition to 'Measures from April 15' announced on Apr 14 and 'Measures Concerning Schools and Other Institutions from April 17' announced on Apr 16, the Oita Prefecture will perform the following from Apr 18.

1 Preventing the Further Spread of Infection

(1) Recommendations against travelling to other prefectures

In addition to thoroughly following the recommendations announced by the headquarters\* on Apr 14, all citizens should refrain from travelling outside of the prefecture for leisure, family visits or other matters unless essential and urgent during the long vacation period.

\* The 'Regions Covered by the Declaration of the State of Emergency' designated in accordance to the measures of the 'Pandemic Influenza Preparedness and Response' has been renamed to 'Prefectures Falling under the Extraordinary Precautions Alert'.

(2) Facilities and attractions including tourism attractions

For foreseeable crowds, the prefecture requests that facilities and attractions thoroughly carry out precautionary measures, in particular concerning placing admission restriction during the long vacation period.

(3) Reducing Contact in Workplaces

To reduce contact opportunities at the workplace, working-from-home (telework) will be further incorporated alongside staggered working hours and commute on bicycle.

## 2 Active Support towards Businesses

- (1) Continuous forms of support will be made available with cooperation from the chambers of commerce and other relevant institutions.

Private financial institutions are also working swiftly to compose new frameworks that incorporate non-collateral, zero-interest loans.

Concerning benefit packages for struggling businesses, up to 1,000,000 JPY will be granted to each applicable sole proprietor. The prefecture plans on opening applications in around one week from the establishment of the national supplementary budget scheme. For digital applications, the deposit is expected to arrive the applicant's bank account in approximately two weeks from the application date.

- (2) To aid collaborative infection-control efforts between the prefecture and residents, detailed measure that incorporate both governmental bodies and the public are being performed to support ryokan, hotels, eating and drinking establishments and other relevant industries.
- (3) To realise assistance in a timely manner, continuous forms of support will be made available with cooperation from the chambers of commerce and other relevant institutions.