

Regarding COVID-19 Countermeasures Starting May 16

Period to Prevent Another Rise in Infections is **Ending**

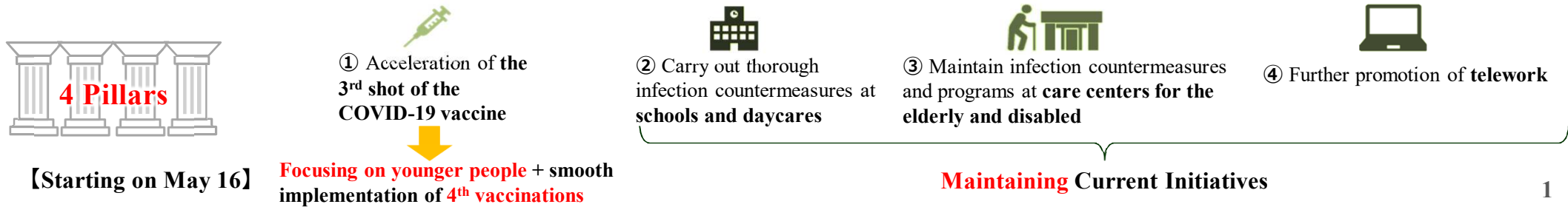
- ▽ As the number of patients requiring hospitalization has stabilized to a certain extent, the **Period to Prevent Another Rise in Infections** has **ended** as of **May 15**. Furthermore, as there have been no clusters of infections detected at eating/drinking establishments, **restrictions on the number of people allowed at these establishments have been lifted**.
- ▽ However, as the number of new infections has not decreased nationally, we will **maintain** our **Four Pillars of Countermeasures** based on the 6th Wave of COVID-19 infections, as well as **continue** to request that all prefectural residents follow basic infection prevention countermeasures.

Key Points for Countermeasures Going Forward

► **Restrictions on the amount of people allowed at restaurants are ending.** Other requests remain in place. (In the event that an increase in infections seems likely, we are considering implementing swift and appropriate countermeasures.)

Request	Current (Period to Prevent Another Rise in Infections)	Starting on May 16 (Period to Prevent Another Rise in Infections Ends)
Prefectural Residents and Eating/Drinking Establishments	<u>Avoid eating with 5 people or more in the same group at the same table</u>	This request has ended

► **Maintain** the Four Pillars of Countermeasures



Content of Prevention Requests for **Prefectural Residents** 【All Regions】

Starting on May 16 【Changes Marked in Red】

(Requests based on Article 24, Paragraph 9 of the Act on Special Measures for Pandemic Influenza and New Infectious Diseases Preparedness and Response)

- When dining out at a restaurant, etc., **avoid eating with five people or more in the same group at the same table** → **This restriction has ended**
- When traveling between prefectures such as visiting home or going on a trip, follow infection prevention countermeasures and refrain from participating in activities that carry a high risk of infection at your destination **(Ongoing)**
- When holding events that involve eating in groups (excluding delivery and takeout), use eating/dining establishments that have taken appropriate infection prevention measures, such as Ninshoten (※1), and carrying out habits that will keep you from getting infected or infecting others, such as limiting time spent dining out, avoiding speaking in a loud voice, and wearing masks during conversation, etc. **(Ongoing)**
 - ※1 Ninshoten are dining/drinking establishments recognized under the Miyagi Restaurant COVID-19 Countermeasures Certification System
- Refrain from activities that carry a high risk of infection, and follow infection prevention measures in your daily life^{※2} **(Ongoing)**
 - ※2 Those who are not yet vaccinated should be especially careful
- Actively comply with infection prevention measures implemented by dining/drinking establishments. **(Ongoing)**
- Asymptomatic prefectural residents who are worried that they have been infected should get tested **(Ongoing)**