

Tohoku Region and Niigata Prefecture Joint Message

~Working together to protect our regions ~

On April 5, the government put quasi-state of emergency measures into place in Miyagi and other prefectures. In addition, a state of emergency was declared in Tokyo, Kyoto, Osaka and Hyogo Prefecture on April 25. The situation remains critical due to shortage of hospital beds caused by the increase in COVID-19 patients with severe symptoms and the increased number of patients with COVID-19 variants.

In all prefectures, residents have already been requested to exercise self-restraint. As Golden Week approaches, we would like to once again strongly request your cooperation with the following. Tohoku Region and Niigata Prefecture would like to show our appreciation of and support for medical staff and essential workers, and we will continue to work together to bring about an end to the spread of COVID-19.

1. Continued Self-restraint From Travel Between Prefectures

Please refrain from traveling to and from regions under the state of emergency as well as regions under the quasi-state of emergency.

When traveling to other regions, please consider the situation carefully before deciding to travel. In addition, please try telework, online alternatives to traveling home, etc.

2. Thorough Prevention Measures

Please take proper measures to prevent the spread of infection such as wearing masks, thoroughly washing hands, disinfecting and avoiding the “three C’s”(closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings).

When going to food and drink establishments, please only go to those that follow coronavirus measures. Please also refrain from dining with large numbers of people or for long periods of time and wear a mask when conversing.

For those operating food and drink establishments, we request that you again take thorough measures in accordance with the guidelines for your industry to prevent the spread of infection, for example, having employees wear masks, preparing socially distanced seating, installing acrylic sheets, routinely circulating the air, etc.

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