

# Stay Indoors Unless Absolutely Essential until May 19!

Announcement from Fukuoka City: April 19, 2021

Due to the alarming increase of COVID-19 cases in Fukuoka City, the Fukuoka Prefectural Government is urging residents to comply with requests to stay indoors unless for essential activities and is urging foodservice businesses to restrict their business hours.

You are urged to comply with the following between April 20 and May 19:

## Remaining Indoors

- Do not leave the house or travel unless for essential activities\* even during the day.  
\*Essential activities include:
  - going to a medical facility
  - shopping for food supplies, medicine or daily necessities
  - going to work when necessary
  - exercising to maintain a healthy lifestyle
- Do not travel to regions under official emergency measures to halt the spread of COVID-19 and other regions with high numbers of COVID-19 cases.
- If travelling between prefectures, check the local COVID-19 situation and government measures in your destination, and carefully consider your journey before making it.
- Do not leave the house or travel if you display any symptoms such as a fever.

## Preventative Measures

- Be thorough with basic measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19, such as washing your hands, gargling, wearing a mask, properly ventilating the room and avoiding the 3C's:
  - Crowded places
  - Close contact
  - Confined spaces
- COVID-19 is spreading amongst young people in their 20s and 30s and the number of people developing severe symptoms is increasing. Be careful of your own actions to prevent the spread of the virus to the elderly.
- When eating and drinking out, do so in small numbers, do not raise your voice, wear a mask when talking and finish within two hours. This includes gatherings in private homes.
- If you must eat out, choose an establishment that is not crowded and is taking thorough measures to prevent infection by ventilating the establishment, ensuring social distancing between seating, providing physical barriers to prevent droplet transmission.

- Cluster infections are occurring in daytime karaoke establishments. Wear a mask when visiting these establishments.

### Restricting Business Hours for Food and Other Service Providers

Restrict business hours to between 5 a.m. and 9 p.m. if you are a foodservice operator, including restaurants, cafés, karaoke and other establishments legally permitted to serve food products under the Food Sanitation Act.

△Duration: Thursday, April 22 to Wednesday, May 19 (including food stalls such as *yatai*, but excluding delivery and takeout services)

△Restrict alcohol serving hours to between 11 a.m. and 8:30 p.m. (last order).

△Information on financial support for businesses complying with business hour restrictions, such as how to apply, will be published by the Fukuoka Prefectural Government soon. Check the official Fukuoka Prefecture website for more information.

### Fukuoka Prefecture Website

<https://www.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/contents/covid19emergency-details.html>

△Foodservice operators must continue to take care with the following measures:

- ventilate the venue thoroughly as required.
- keep the volume of background music to a minimum to prevent customers from talking loudly while eating and drinking.
- provide shatter proof acrylic screens or other appropriate physical barriers to prevent transmission when appropriate social distancing cannot be maintained. Display the official Infection Prevention Declaration sticker to show customers you are taking the necessary measures.
- install a sign in the entrance of your business refusing entry to anyone who is unwell, not wearing a mask or removes their mask when not eating.

### Events

Until April 30, events with raised voices or cheering must be held at less than 50% capacity.

Events without raised voices or cheering must be held at less than 50% capacity or a maximum of 5,000 people, whichever number is bigger.

Social distancing of one meter must be ensured and maintained for events with no defined capacity limit.

If you have a fever or any cold-like symptoms, contact your local doctor or medical facility by telephone for advice first.

If you are unsure of where to call or have any worries about the virus, call the COVID-19 Hotline for advice.

### COVID-19 Multilingual Hotline (available in 19 languages)

**Telephone: 092-687-5357 (24-hour service)**

Announcements about COVID-19 from Fukuoka Prefecture and Fukuoka City are continually updated, so keep checking the links below to keep up to date.

**Fukuoka Prefecture Website**

<https://www.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/contents/covid19emergency-details.html>

**Fukuoka City Website (Support for Foreigners)**

<https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/shisei/gshien/index.html>

**Reference: Fukuoka City Financial Support Measures Announced on February 3**

① **Support for Businesses with Decreased Sales**

The Fukuoka City Government is providing financial support for businesses whose sales have been negatively affected by restrictions on foodservice business hours and movement restrictions but are not eligible for Fukuoka Prefecture's or the national government's subsidies. Corporate businesses are eligible for up to ¥150,000 and sole proprietors are eligible for up to ¥100,000.

**Fukuoka City Website | Support for Businesses with Decreased Sales**

[https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/keizai/kokusaikeizai/business/uriage\\_shi\\_en.html](https://www.city.fukuoka.lg.jp/keizai/kokusaikeizai/business/uriage_shi_en.html)

② **Infectious Disease Resilient City Initiative**

Businesses that sell products or services to residents from a physical shop may be eligible to receive subsidies to cover construction and other costs incurred when installing new features that improve infection prevention and control capabilities in their business.

**Fukuoka City Website | Infectious Disease Resilient City Initiative**

<https://fukuoka-kansenshotaiofficcity.jp/>