

Special Measures during the Autumn Holiday Season to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 (Revised)

October 13th, 2021
Hokkaido

Autumn Season Special Measures

As the vaccination rates rise and Japan considers moving towards a return to normal life, there is a possibility that the measures taken so far will change significantly. We are at an important turning point; however, national experts speculate that the increased movement of people due to autumn travel season may lead to another wave of infection, and this must be taken into consideration.

Therefore, in order to curb the increased movement of people after the state of emergency is lifted, special measures will be taken to ensure a gradual relaxation of current restrictions and prevent a sudden increase in infections.

If a Vaccine-Test Package system-a system which certifies people vaccinated or testing negative for the coronavirus as having low risks of infecting others- is implemented in the future, any related relaxation of movement regulations will be applied separately.

Target Areas	All of Hokkaido
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Period	Friday, October 1 st ~ Sunday, October 31 st , 2021
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	Revisions will be in effect from Friday, October 15 th ~ Sunday, October 31 st .
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(For Everyday Life)

- ◆ Avoid the “Three C’s”*, and the “5 High-Risk Situations for Infection”** and take other measures, such as social distancing, wearing masks, hand washing, and disinfecting. (Special Measures Law, 24(9))

*Three C’s: Closed spaces with poor ventilation, Crowded places with many people nearby, Close-contact setting such as close-range conversations **Five High Risk Situations; Social gatherings involving alcohol, Eating and drinking in a large group over a long period of time, Talking without masks, Communal living in small spaces, Change of scenery

(When Going Out)

- ◆ Avoid crowded spaces and times, and only gather or meet in small groups. (24(9))
- ◆ Please be extra careful to avoid the risk of infection if you are in contact with an individual who is at high risk* of developing severe symptoms. (24(9))
*This includes the elderly, those who have certain pre-existing medical conditions, or some people in the late stages of pregnancy
- ◆ Avoid non-urgent, unnecessary travel between prefectures where there are high infection numbers. (24(9))
- ◆ When travelling to other prefectures, along with implementing basic infection countermeasures, avoid eating in groups of higher than 5 people. Additionally, if you haven’t received a vaccination, make sure to check your body temperature as well as taking a PCR test if necessary, and refraining from travel if you have any symptoms, such as a fever, etc. (24(9))

【Requests for Visitors to and Residents of Hokkaido ②】

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(When Eating Out)

- ◆ Avoid visiting Eating Establishments which have not properly implemented Infection countermeasures. (24(9))
- ◆ Co-operate with Infection countermeasures implemented by eating establishments (24(9))
- ◆ Please practice 'Mokushoku' (Silent Eating)
*Groups of up to 4 people, only for a short period of time, no heavy drinking, shouting, or loud voices, and keep masks on while talking.
(24(9))

【Call for Co-operation for those considering visiting Hokkaido】

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- ◆ When visiting Hokkaido, along with implementing basic infection countermeasures, avoid eating with groups of more than 5 people, and take a PCR test and regular body temperature readings, especially if you have not yet completed your vaccinations. Please refrain from travelling if you have symptoms such as a fever. (Call for Co-operation)

【 Requests and Calls for Co-operation regarding events 】

Maximum attendees /capacity (※1)

○Max. Attendees (Whichever is larger)
5000 people, or 50% capacity (if 50% is under 10,000)

24(9)

○Capacity
[Within 100%] Where loud voices or cheers are not expected (※2)
[Within 50%] Where loud voices or cheers can be expected (※3)

※Organizers of events in which infection countermeasures cannot be effectively enforced should consider hosting the event online, or delaying or cancelling it until further notice.

※1 The maximum capacity/personage is limited to whichever is smaller (but must fulfill both conditions)

※2 Events where attendees are not allowed to eat or make sounds, such as classical concert, theatrical performance, dance, traditional performance, performing arts, ceremonial performance, exhibition. (In case the events allow eating or drinking, if appropriate countermeasures are applied, the event will be allowed as long as making sounds during the events is not allowed)

※3 Rock or Pop concert, sports event, horse racing, performance at live house or nightclub, etc. (one seat distance between each group, maximum of 5 people per group, in some case the capacity could exceed 50%)

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- ◆Observe industry-specific guidelines when holding events (24(9))
- ◆Prevent eating, drinking, and the three C's before and after events. (24(9))
- ◆Make use of infection tracing measures such as the COCOA contact tracing application, name lists, etc. (24(9))
- ◆Consult with the local government before hosting events that involve a national tour or have over 1000 attendees. (24(9))
- ◆Carefully plan and hold events that involve a national tour. (Call for co-operation)
- ◆Observe limits on capacity and maximum attendees for event facilities, regardless of whether an event is being held or not. (Call for co-operation)

【Requests and Calls for Co-operation for Businesses】

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- ◆ Implement measures such as Remote work, Staggered commutes, Commuting via bicycle, etc. in order to reduce contact between employees. (call for co-operation)
- ◆ Follow industry-specific guidelines (24(9))
- ◆ Inspect areas with a high risk on infection, such as break rooms, cafeterias, etc. to make sure countermeasures are in place. (24(9))
- ◆ For eating establishments, as well as strictly enforcing items on the infection countermeasure checklist, ensure that each group only has 4 members per single table, as a rule. (Call for Co-operation)
- ◆ Do not provide Karaoke facilities if the primary purpose of your business is to provide food and drinks. (24(9))
- ◆ Karaoke stores should take steps to keep distance between anyone singing, ensure proper ventilation, and implement infection countermeasures. (24(9))

【Requests for Schools】

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- ◆ Thorough implementation of infection countermeasures at schools and school dormitories, based on the hygiene management manual. (Revised April 28, 2021) (Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)
- ◆ Keep track of the infection status of all students and family members, etc. living in the same household, and take measures such as prompt and wide ranging closures (all school, grade, class depending on spread of infection) as necessary. In case of closure, ensure that students still engage in online learning, etc. and that those students who are unable to stay home have a place to go. (Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)
- ◆ Carefully consider the running of school events and field trips, with consideration to the destination and type of event being run. (24(9))
- ◆ Strictly enforce infection countermeasures during the running of club activities, implementing multiple daily health checks, along with guidance that it consistent and unified school-wide. Participation in events must be decided by the principal, and events at schools must strictly adhere to infection measures. (24(9))
- ◆ Vocational schools, Technical Colleges, and Universities must implement appropriate infection countermeasures while also ensuring that extra-curricular organizations are appropriately aware and warned of infection measures relevant to them. (24(9))

【Public Facilities】

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- ◆ Facilities will follow industry-specific guidelines, and make the decision to close or remain open as necessary, based on the infection situation.