

Quasi-Emergency Measures in Hokkaido

January 25, 2022

Basis for
Implementation

Requests for co-operation for residents and businesses based on those outlined in the Quasi-Emergency Measures as defined in the Novel Influenza Special Measures Law Article 31(6).1 and .2, and article 24(9).

Target area

All of Hokkaido

Period

Thursday, **January 27** ~ Sunday, **February 20**, 2022

【Requests for Residents of and Visitors to Hokkaido ①】

Requests

(During everyday life)

- ◆ Implement basic infection prevention strategies such as avoiding the 3 C's, ensuring social distancing, wearing a mask, frequent disinfection of your hands and fingers, and securing sufficient ventilation. (24(9))
- ◆ If you have a fever or other symptoms, refrain from outings and either visit your family doctor / GP, or a testing site. (24(9))
- ◆ If you do not have symptoms, but you are worried you may have contracted COVID-19, regardless of your vaccine status, take a test. (24(9))

(Specific requests regarding outings)

- ◆ Do not travel to or visit crowded places, or other areas that have a high risk of infection. (24(9))
 - ◆ Pay special care to thorough infection prevention measures when meeting people you do not often meet, or people who have a high risk of developing severe symptoms. (24(9))
- *This includes the elderly, those who have certain pre-existing medical conditions, and some women in the late stages of pregnancy
- ◆ Refrain from non-essential, non-urgent travel between prefectures. (24(9))

【Requests for Residents of and Visitors to Hokkaido ②】

Requests

(When dining out)

- ◆ Do not unnecessarily go to, or eat at, any restaurants or other establishments under instructions to shorter business hours after the requested shortened business hours. (31(6)(2))
- ◆ Choose restaurants etc. with official Hokkaido Restaurant Infection Prevention Measures Certification, and refrain from dining at establishments that do not have sufficient infection countermeasures. (24(9))
- ◆ Please comply with infection countermeasures and rules set up by restaurants, bars etc. (24(9))
- ◆ Keep groups to 4 people or less, for a short period of time, no loud voices, no heavy drinking, and wear a mask when talking. Please pay special attention to implementing these measures when you are gathering with people you do not meet often (24(9))

【Call for cooperation for those considering visiting Hokkaido】

Cooperation request

Please avoid travel to Hokkaido unless it is strictly necessary or urgent, as we are requesting that all travelers, within or outside of Hokkaido refrain from unnecessary or non-urgent travel to and from the Prefecture. (Call for Cooperation)

【Requests for Businesses: Eating Establishments】

Target

【Restaurants】 Eating Establishments (Including Izakaya), Cafes, Etc. (Not including delivery/takeout)

【Entertainment】 Businesses such as Cabaret Clubs, Karaoke, etc. with permission to serve food under the Food Sanitation Law, and all karaoke facilities

【Wedding Venues】 Venues which have permission to serve food under the Food Sanitation Law

Requests / Calls for Cooperation

【Hokkaido Restaurant Infection Prevention Measures Certified Stores】(31(6)(1))

- ◆ ① Business hours should be between 5AM to 9PM, and Alcohol can only be provided between 11AM and 8PM, or
- ◆ ② Business hours must be between 5AM and 8PM, with the consumption of alcohol prohibited (including the sale of alcohol and consumption of customer-brought alcohol).

※Businesses must choose one of the above for the entire period. (Initial choice cannot be changed at a later date.)

【Restaurants without Certification】(31(6)(1))

- ◆ Business hours must be between 5AM and 8PM, with the consumption of alcohol prohibited (including the sale of alcohol and consumption of customer-brought alcohol)

- ◆ Limit the amount of people in 1 group at 1 table to 4 (24(9))

※This restriction applies even if all attendees use the Vaccine/Test Package System.

- ◆ Follow industry specific guidelines and infection control checklists. (24(9))

- ◆ For establishments with Karaoke facilities, take measures to avoid the close contact of patrons, secure sufficient ventilation, and thoroughly implement infection countermeasures. (24(9))

- ◆ Attempt to meet the requirements of and apply to the Hokkaido Restaurant Infection Prevention Measures Certification System. (Call for Cooperation)

※Grants are available for businesses that comply with these requests.

【Grants for Eating Establishments】 Cooperation for the entire period (25 days) of 1/27 to 2/20

(Certified Stores) ①SME, Sole Proprietor: 625,000 ~1,875,000 yen per store, Large companies: Up to 5,000,000 yen per store

②SME, Sole Proprietor: 750,000~2,500,000 yen per store, Large companies: Up to 5,000,000 yen per store

(Non-Certified) SME, Sole Proprietor: 750,000~2,500,000 yen per store, Large companies: Up to 5,000,000 yen per store

【Requests regarding events】

Maximum Capacity / Attendees (*1)

○Maximum Attendees:
5,000 people

○Maximum Capacity:
[within 100%] No Cheering / Loud voices (Appropriate distance between patrons if no seating provided)
[within 50%] Cheering / Loud voices *2 (Sufficient distance between patrons if no seating provided)

Article 24(9)Special Measures Law

〈If an Infection Prevention Measures Safety Plan is submitted*3〉

○Maximum attendees: *4
20,000 people

○Maximum Capacity:
within 100%

※Please refer to the Hokkaido Government website for more information on event restrictions and guidelines.

*1 The lowest value of either capacity or attendees is considered the legal limit for event capacity. However, both requirements must be fulfilled.
*2 Cheering/Loud voices refers to “the attendees of the event repeatedly or continually speak or shout, etc. at a volume higher than normal” and such activity is actively encouraged or necessary infection prevention measures are not sufficiently implemented.
*3 An “Infection Prevention Measures Safety Plan” refers to a plan which details the specific strategies and measures that will be implemented in order to ensure effective infection prevention measures during the event. This document must be submitted 2 weeks before the event is held.
*4 This restriction applies even if all attendees use the Vaccine / Test Package System.

Requests

- ◆ End events by 9PM (Excluding events held without an audience) (24(9))
- ◆ Only allow the consumption of alcohol until 8PM (including alcohol brought in by attendees). (Call for cooperation)
- ◆ Observe industry-specific guidelines when holding events. (24(9))
- ◆ Ensure thorough implementation of infection tracking measures, such as COCOA, guest lists, etc. (24(9))

*Events that began selling tickets before or on January 28th can still be held even if they do not fit the requirements above. Events whose ticket sales begin on or after January 29th must fulfill the above attendee / capacity requirements.

【 Requests and Calls for Cooperation for Facilities other than Eating Establishments 】

Requests

Category	Examples	Requests
Commercial	Large stores, Shopping Centers, Department Stores, Malls, etc.	<p>◆ Implement the following infection countermeasures (31(6)(1))</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strictly manage and guide visitors/customers • Inform customers regarding mask usage • Barring of entry of customers who do not follow infection spread countermeasures • Measures which protect against the spreading of infection via droplets from conversations, etc. (Acrylic sheets, enforcing of social distance, etc.) <p>◆ For establishments with Karaoke facilities, take measures to avoid the close contact of patrons, secure sufficient ventilation, and thoroughly implement infection countermeasures. (Call for Cooperation)</p>
Amusement	Pachinko Parlours, Arcades, etc.	
Pleasure	Adult Entertainment, On / Off-site betting shops (for Horse / Car / Boat racing, etc.)	
Service	Public bath houses (super sento), Beauty / Beauty-treatment salons, etc.	
Theatres	Theatres, Stadiums, Cinemas, Entertainment halls, Planetariums, etc.	
Galleries, Meeting places	Meeting rooms, conference halls, galleries, culture halls, etc.	
Hotels, Japanese Inns (Ryokan)	Hotels, Japanese Inns (Ryokan), Limited to areas where gatherings take place	
Exercise, Amusement	Baseball fields, Running tracks, Sports clubs (Gyms), Theme Parks, etc.	
Museums, etc.	Museums, Art Museums, etc.	

【Requests for Business owners】

Requests

- ◆ Comply with industry-specific guidelines (24(9))
- ◆ Strictly enforce infection spread countermeasures, such as avoidance of the 3 C's etc., with special attention paid to areas in which staff may have close contact with each other, such as Changing rooms, Break rooms, and Smoking rooms. Additionally, ensure measures are taken to avoid the "5 high infection risk situations" (Call for cooperation)
- ◆ Encourage the implementation of Telework (Work from home), the taking of paid leave, staggered commuting, and other methods in order to reduce the number of staff physically present at the business. (Call for cooperation)
- ◆ Ensure the continuation of business for work and businesses that are critical to the daily life and economy of the residents of Hokkaido through thorough implementation of infection countermeasures, avoidance of the 3 C's, and continuation if possible, even if staff are limited due to infections or close contacts among workers. (Call for Cooperation)
- ◆ Review and implement a business continuity plan (BCP) in order to reduce the impact of COVID-19 on your business, and ensure swift recovery and re-opening as required. (Call for cooperation)

【Public Facilities】

Public Facilities

- ◆ Public facilities will adjust infection prevention measures, and take action accordingly with industry specific guidelines and the infection situation of the local area.

【Requests for educational institutions】

Requests

- ◆ Thorough implementation of infection countermeasures at schools and school dormitories, based on the hygiene management manual.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ Carefully consider and evaluate activities with a high risk of infection (Those requiring overnight stays as a group, e.g. Field trips, Classes requiring overnight stays, etc.), and ensure that such activities are only carried out with the permission and understanding of parents and guardians of the students. However, school trips should not go to other prefectures that are currently under a state of emergency or implementing quasi-emergency measures.
- ◆ Club activities should be carefully conducted, with time, amount of people, and location, etc. being taken into consideration. Activities in which infection countermeasures cannot be sufficiently followed must be cancelled. Multiple health checks should be implemented, and a school-wide guidance system for infection disease control should be established.
- ◆ Universities, vocational schools, etc., should avoid crowding by utilizing online lessons and implementing lessons in which students are divided into smaller classes. Additionally, there should be thorough warning and explanation regarding the implementation of infection prevention measures for extracurricular activities (24(9))