

Criteria to move on to the Red Stage 2 (state of emergency)

We move on to the Red Stage 2 when the national government declares that the emergency measures based on the Act on Special Measures against Pandemic Influenza (hereinafter the relevant law) should be taken in Osaka

【Current infection situation】

- The number of new positive cases for the last 1 week increased 1.96 times compared to the previous week (as of January 11) and infections are spreading rapidly. And all the monitoring points for “Stage IV” indicated by the national government’s subcommittee except for the positive rate have been met
- The medical situation such as occupancy rate of hospital beds for severe and slight/mild symptom patients is very tight



Considering the above, on January 9, Osaka Prefecture requested the national government to add the entire Osaka Prefecture to “the area where the emergency measures based on the relevant law should be taken”



Move on to the Red Stage 2

✘The national government declared a state of emergency for the entire Osaka Prefecture on January 13, 2021 and it is effective from January 14 to February 7, 2021

Requests based on the Response Policy at the Red Stage(state of emergency)

- ① **Areas:** Entire Osaka Prefecture
- ② **Period:** During the Red Stage2 : From January 14 to February 7, 2021
- ③ **Details:**

● Calling on residents based on the relevant law

○ Refrain from non-essential and non-urgent outings and traveling

※Necessary activities for daily lives and health such as going to medical institutions, shopping for foods and medicines, necessary commuting, and exercising and walking outside are exception

Refraining from non-essential and non-urgent outings after 8:00pm is strongly requested

● Holding events (including ones hosted/co-hosted by Osaka Prefecture)

【Period】 January 17 to February 7, 2021

【Capacity condition, etc.】

○ **【Maximum number of participants】**

5,000 or less

【Capacity condition】

Indoors : Limit the number of participants up to half of the full capacity of the facility

Outdoors: Keep an enough distance between people (if possible 2 meters)

(Based on the relevant law)

○ **Requesting to refrain from gatherings such as New Year's greetings/parties, which can be accompanied by eating and drinking**

○ **Besides the above, asking to finish the events by 8:00pm**

● Facilities

- ① **Areas:** Entire Osaka Prefecture
- ② **Period:** From January 14 to February 7, 2021
- ③ **Details:**

【Request based on the relevant law】

Facilities	Request details
<p>【Restaurants】 Restaurants(including pubs), cafes, etc. (excluding delivery/take-out services)</p> <p>【Entertainment facilities】 Bars and karaoke boxes, etc. which are approved for business by Food Sanitation Act</p>	<p>Request to shorten business hours (open from 5:00am to 8:00pm) Offering alcohol is limited to from 11:00am to 7:00pm</p>

【Asking for cooperation】

Facilities	Details of cooperation
Sports/amusement facilities	Cooperation for the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shorten business hours (open from 5:00am to 8:00pm) Offering alcohol is limited to from 11:00am to 7:00pm • Limit the number of participants of the events held at the facilities up to 5,000 or less AND half of the full capacity of the facility (from January 17)
Theaters, halls, movie theaters, variety theaters	
Meeting/exhibition facilities	
Museums, libraries	
Hotels and inns(meeting spaces only)	
Entertainment facilities※	Cooperation for the following <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shorten business hours (open from 5:00am to 8:00pm) Offering alcohol is limited to from 11:00am to 7:00pm
Facilities selling goods (with total floor areas of 1,000m² or above) (except for goods of daily necessities)	
Facilities offering services (with total floor areas of 1,000m² or above) (except for services of daily necessities)	

※-Among entertainment facilities, ones with approval for business by Food Sanitation Act are requested based on the relevant law
 -Facilities such as internet cafes and manga cafes where certain amount of staying is expected are not requested/asked for cooperation

● Strongly requested points based on the above

To <Economic communities>

- To refrain from non-essential and non-urgent outings after 8:00pm thoroughly, restrain working after 8:00pm if it is not necessary to maintain the business (Based on the relevant law)
- Promote more teleworking of over 70% of employees
Promote rotation of shifts, staggered working hours and bike-commuting even at the workplaces that require commuting (Based on the relevant law)
- Refrain from gatherings such as New Year's greetings/parties, which can be accompanied by eating and drinking

To <Universities, etc.>

- Ensure learning opportunities through effective implementation of lessons combining face-to-face and remote lectures, taking infection prevention measures (Based on the relevant law)
- -Thoroughly call attention of students, etc. about infection prevention measures during club-activities, extracurricular activities, and in their dormitory lives as well as about joining social gathering and drinking parties
-Refrain from joining club activities with high infection risk
(Based on the relevant law)

Establishing Call Center

Osaka Prefecture has established a Call Center to correspond to concerns of people and business sectors of Osaka regarding the request of shortening business hours based on the relevant law and “COVID-19 safety sticker”.

Name : **Call Center for Emergency Measures**

Established : **January 12, 2021**

Days & Hours : **Monday to Friday (except national holidays) 9:00am to 6:00pm**

※Specially available from 9:00am to 9:00pm on January 12

※Also available from 9:00am to 6:00pm on Saturday, January 16 and Sunday, January 17

Reception : **0 6 – 4 3 9 7 – 3 2 6 8** (15 dedicated lines)

※FAQ will be soon available on website of Osaka Prefecture