

A Message on Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreaks

Oshu City Mayor

The new coronavirus infection caused by Omicron strain is spreading rapidly nationwide, and the government has declared a quasi-State of Emergency for the three prefectures of Hiroshima, Yamaguchi and Okinawa from January 9th to 31st to prevent the spread.

The number of newly infected people has increased in the prefecture since the end of last year, and community-acquired infection of the Omicron strain was confirmed for the first time. A newly infected person was confirmed within the Oshu Health Center jurisdiction for the first time in 55 days. The risk of infection is increasing. On January 8th, the prefecture issued an “Iwate Warning Declaration” in order to work together as a group to take measures against infection.

Based on this declaration, I would like to ask citizens to maintain a sense of crisis and continue to thoroughly implement basic infection control measures in order to prevent the spread of infection.



- Please continue basic measures to prevent infection by properly wearing a non-woven mask with the effect to prevent droplets, diligently washing and disinfecting your hands, and avoiding the three Cs.

- When traveling, please check the infection status of your destination and the contents of requests by the prefecture, and act cautiously. Please be especially careful when traveling to and from areas where the infection is widespread.

• When dining out, we recommend using restaurants with “Iwate Restaurant Safety Certification,” which have infection control measures in place. Please wear a mask when you have a conversation even while eating.



• Even if you have to work closely with colleagues or friends at work, please take thorough infection control measures.

The prefecture is providing PCR tests and antigen tests free of charge for asymptomatic residents who are worried about infection until January 31. You can have a test performed at the following pharmacies within the city. (It does not matter what your vaccination status is. Please bring your ID when you take the test.)

Name	Address	Phone number
Welcia Pharmacy, Oshu-Esashi Store	1-4-10 Yoka-machi, Esashi	0197-35-5192
Welcia Pharmacy, Mizusawa- Sakurayashiki Store	291-1 Sakurayashiki, Mizusawa	0197-24-8121
Ichigo Pharmacy	55 Naka-machi, Mizusawa	0197-51-1515
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We ask all citizens to pay close attention to their physical condition, refrain from going out or traveling if you are in poor physical condition, and seek medical attention at an early stage.

In addition, please refrain from discrimination, prejudice, slander, etc. against infected persons and their families. Act with compassion.

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