

A Message on Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreaks

Oshu City Mayor

Currently, 16 prefectures have implemented priority measures under a quasi-State of Emergency. The number of newly infected people nationwide exceeded 50,000 for the first time on January 22, and the spread of new coronavirus infections continues.

The number of newly infected persons in Iwate Prefecture is at a low level compared to other prefectures, but on January 23, when the number of newly infected people per 100,000 in the last week reached 15.2, an “Iwate State of Emergency Declaration” was issued.

Infections are also spreading within the Oshu Health Center jurisdiction, including clusters in workplaces and educational / nursery facilities. Some infection routes cannot be traced, making the situation more worrisome than ever.

I would like to express my deepest sympathies to those who have been infected and wish them a speedy recovery.

I would like to ask citizens to take the following infection control measures based on the Iwate State of Emergency Declaration.

- Please refrain from going out to crowded places or places with a high risk of infection.

- In order to prevent the spread of infections as much as possible, when traveling to and from other prefectures, please refrain from unnecessary and unurgent travel to regions under a quasi-State of Emergency. Even when traveling to other regions, carefully consider the necessity and make serious decisions.

- Properly wear a non-woven mask that is highly effective in preventing spraying, and take basic measures against infection such as diligently washing and disinfecting your hands and avoiding the three Cs.

- If you have symptoms, please refrain from going out or traveling, and receive an examination after calling a medical institution.

- People who feel uneasy about infections, such as those who have traveled to an area where infection has spread, can use a free PCR or antigen test.

There have been many cases of being infected at home due to the strong transmissibility of the Omicron strain.

Please be thorough in measures against infection in all places including the home and the workplace, even with those you have close relationships such as family members, colleagues, and friends at work.

Those with a high risk of serious illness, such as the elderly and those with underlying conditions, as well as those who live with children who attend kindergartens, nursery schools, and elementary schools, should be especially careful.

Discrimination, prejudice, and slander against infected persons and their families cannot be tolerated. Be considerate of other persons and act in a calm manner.

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