

A Message on Prevention of COVID-19 Outbreaks Oshu City Mayor

Throughout the country, we have seen tendencies towards a decrease in the number of newly infected persons or at least a stop in the number of increases, depending on the region. However, the number of persons receiving medical treatment, the number of severely ill patients, and the number of deaths continue to rise. The period of quasi-State of Emergencies to prevent the spread has also been extended in some areas. The situation continues to be severe.

In Iwate, the number of newly infected people has continued to exceed 100 per day since late January due to clusters at schools, other educational and nursery facilities, facilities for the elderly, and other places. Infection is increasing.

The number of newly infected people under the jurisdiction of the Oshu Health Center has been somewhat limited due to close contacts at home, the workplace, educational / nursery facilities, etc., and has been increasing since mid-February.

We would like all residents to continue with a sense of crisis and thoroughly implement basic infection control measures. Furthermore, please refer to advice on controlling infections from the Iwate Prefecture Coronavirus Omicron Infectious Diseases Specialist Committee based on the characteristics of the Omicron strain, and take the following measures.

Schools, Kindergartens, Day Care Centers, etc.

- Have staff and parents take basic infection control measures such as wearing masks and thoroughly disinfecting play equipment.
- For children who are judged to be able to wear a mask without hardship due to their development, have them wear a mask as much as possible.

- If a child has fever or other symptoms, please refrain from going to school or kindergarten.

Facilities for the Elderly

- Ascertain and record the health conditions of residents and staff. Ascertain persons who may be infected at an early stage.
- Those who wish to receive a booster vaccination should receive one as soon as possible.

Workplaces

- Strive to reduce the number of employees such as by utilizing teleworking and promoting vacation time.

Please pay close attention to your physical condition, and if you feel unwell, refrain from going out or traveling, and seek medical attention as soon as possible.

Also, if you are undergoing medical treatment at home, please refrain from going out and contact the Health Center or Iwate Health Observation Support Center immediately if you feel unwell.

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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