

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

The increase in number of newly infected persons around the nation has not continued. Rather, there is a tendency of decrease, except in some areas.

In Iwate Prefecture, an Iwate Emergency Declaration was declared on January 23, 2022 against the new coronavirus in order to prevent the spread of infection, and the number of newly infected people has been declining recently. The declaration was lifted on May 30 after a comprehensive judgment that the number of newly infected persons has decreased for the most recent two weeks, along with considering the status of the medical care system and public health system.

Although the number of newly infected persons is declining within the jurisdiction of the Oshu Health Center, infections still continue, such as with clusters arising in educational / nursery facilities, schools, and facilities for the elderly.

Although the Iwate Emergency Declaration has been lifted, this does not mean there is an end to basic efforts to control infections. As the situation continues where anyone can become an infected person or a close contact at any time, in order to prevent the re-spread of the infection in the city and a wave of a new epidemic, we ask all citizens to please continue with the following measures to prevent infections.

- Please continue to thoroughly implement basic measures to control infection such as avoiding the three Cs, hand hygiene, and ventilation.
- Please use masks properly according to the situation, such as whether or not you are having a conversation, whether you are practicing social distancing, whether you are indoors or outdoors, and so on.

- If you go to a restaurant, we recommend you use restaurants that have “Iwate Restaurant Safety Certification,” which are taking anti-infection measures.
- When dining, please do not drink too much or make loud noises. Wear a mask when talking.
- Please refrain from sending children with symptoms such as fever to day care, schools, etc.

In order to prevent a severe situation, the city is proceeding with fourth vaccinations from June for those 60 years old and older and for those aged 18 to 59 who have an underlying condition, and who wish to receive a vaccination.

Furthermore, we continue to accept reservations for vaccination for children between the ages of 5 and 11. After confirming the effectiveness and safety of vaccinations, please consider vaccinating your children to prevent infection within the home.

At the same time, we will continue arranging the vaccination system for those who have not completed their third vaccination.

The new corona vaccine is given based on one’s own desires, and we ask that you do not force vaccinations in the workplace or others around you, and that you do not discriminate against those who have not been vaccinated.

Discrimination, prejudice, and false accusations against infected persons and their families is not allowed. Please be considerate of others and act in a calm manner.

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