

# To Prevent the Spread of New Coronavirus Infections

## Oshu City Mayor

The number of newly infected people nationwide has more than doubled in the last week compared to the same day of the previous week, and depending on the prefecture, the number of newly infected persons has reached record highs. It is thought that we have entered the seventh wave of infection.

In Iwate Prefecture as well, the number of newly infected persons has been increasing, and infections of the BA.5 strain of Omicron have also been confirmed.

The number of newly infected persons is increasing rapidly within the jurisdiction of the Oshu Health Center as well. The proportion of people from under the age of ten to those in their 40s is particularly high due to clusters in schools and educational / childcare facilities.

In addition to summer vacation and Obon, other festivals and events are scheduled to be held, so we ask that you continue to carry out social and economic activities while continuing the following infection control measures.

- Please continue to thoroughly implement basic measures to control infection such as avoiding the three Cs, hand hygiene, and ventilation.
- Please refrain from sending children with symptoms such as fever to day care, schools, etc.

- 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. Be mindful of preventing heat stroke as well.
- 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.

Vaccinations are currently scheduled through September 30. Those who wish to receive a vaccination should do so as soon as possible. If you are in the workforce or a member of the younger generation, please get a vaccination based on schedules for your work or school activities. Vaccines are 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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