

To Prevent the Spread of New Coronavirus Infections Oshu City Mayor

The number of daily new infections nationwide exceeded 260,000 in August due to the 7th wave of the spread of infection, but it has been gradually decreasing since September.

Similarly, in Iwate Prefecture, infections continued to spread at a high level in August, but the number of new infections has been decreasing since the beginning of this month.

In the jurisdiction of the Oshu Public Health Center, a record high of 218 people was recorded on August 19, and since then many new infections have occurred every day, and the infection rate has remained high.

As for our citizens, the summer vacation period is over, and I believe that you have returned to your normal daily life, such as going to work and school. The national government has shortened the period of medical treatment for infected persons, but even if your treatment has been concluded, I ask that you please continue taking thorough actions to reduce the risk of infecting others such as by wearing a mask and avoiding eating out with others. As we approach the autumn tourist season, we will have more opportunities to come into contact with people in various everyday situations. Once again, we ask that you thoroughly implement basic infection control measures to control the spread of infection, such as washing and disinfecting your hands,

ventilating rooms you are in, and wearing a mask according to the situation. Conduct social and economic activities while paying even more attention than ever before. Thank you for your understanding.

Currently, we are in a situation where anyone can become infected or a close contact with someone who is infected. It is recommended that you prepare daily necessities such as food so that you can live at home for about a week in case you become infected.

Currently, with the increase in the number of infected people, the number of cases of medical staff staying at home due to infection and close contact is also increasing. In order to protect the medical system, it is most important for each and every citizen to thoroughly implement infection control measures and prevent the further spread of infection. When visiting a medical institution for a fever or other symptoms, please refrain from consultations and examinations at night as much as possible.

In Oshu City, we are promoting the 4th vaccination for people over 60 years old, but we have also established a system that allows you to receive the 1st through 3rd vaccinations. If you would like to be vaccinated, please do so as soon as possible to protect yourself and your family. People of the working generation should be vaccinated at the right time based on their

schedules for work and various events. Vaccines are to be given based on the individual's motives, and we ask that you do not force your workplace or those around you to be vaccinated, or discriminate against those who have not been vaccinated.

Discrimination, prejudice, and slander against infected people and their families will never be tolerated. Please be considerate of others and act calmly.

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Jun KURANARI, Mayor, Oshu City

~Thorough Infection Control Measures~

- Please continue to thoroughly implement basic infection control measures such as avoiding the three Cs, practicing hand hygiene, and ventilating rooms you are in.
- Refrain from sending children with symptoms such as fever to daycare centers, schools, etc.
- Please use a mask according to your situation, such as whether you are conversing with others, whether you know those you are with, and whether you are indoors or outdoors.
- When dining out, we recommend that you use restaurants that have received "Iwate Restaurant Safety Certification," which have put infection control measures in place.
- Please keep dinner parties short, do not drink heavily, do not speak loudly, and wear a mask when having a conversation.