

To Prevent the Spread of New Coronavirus Infections

Oshu City Mayor

The number of new infections from the new Coronavirus from the seventh wave which began in mid-June had slowed down by late September. However, a trend in an increase since mid-October, especially in northern Japan can be seen.

Clusters have occurred at multiple facilities for the elderly and other medical facilities within the jurisdiction of the Oshu Public Health Center.

A subcommittee of the government has pointed out that the number of infected people in the eighth wave may greatly exceed the number of infected people so far, and there is also concern about simultaneous epidemics with seasonal influenza this winter. There are concerns that the concentration of patients in outpatient clinics will add to the burden on medical institutions, making it difficult to provide regular medical care.

I would like to ask all citizens to reaffirm and thoroughly implement basic measures to prevent the spread of infection, such as wearing appropriate masks, washing hands, and ventilating.

On November 2nd, the city started vaccination against the

BA.5 strain, which is currently the main variant. Simultaneous vaccination with the seasonal influenza vaccine is also possible, so if you wish to be vaccinated, please do so as soon as possible to protect yourself and your family.

Infants (6 months to 4 years old) can also be vaccinated from mid-November. The Japan Pediatric Society has also expressed the view that “all children should be vaccinated,” so please take this into consideration.

Vaccines should be given based on the individual’s desire, so please do not force vaccinations on those around you, such as at work or school. Do not discriminate against those who cannot be vaccinated due to their physical condition.

Finally, in order to prevent the spread of the infection from slowing down socio-economic activities and causing a strain on medical services, we ask that each and every citizen be aware of the risk of infection and thoroughly implement basic infection prevention measures. Thank you for your cooperation.

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