

Reviewing the Fukuoka Corona Alert

As of November 30th (TUE) 2021

On Tuesday, November 30, we reviewed the “Fukuoka Corona Alert” an indicator unique to this prefecture that requests cooperation from residents and businesses.

To be prepared for the rapid spread of infection and to take necessary measures ahead of time, the timing of requesting the national government to apply priority measures to prevent the spread of the disease and emergency measures will be brought forward from the past.

When the infection is spreading

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Indicators	Issuing the Fukuoka Corona Alert	Issuing the Fukuoka Special Corona Alert	
National Indicators	When it becomes Level 2	Before it becomes Level 2	
①Number of New Cases	The 7-day average continues to increase	The 7-day average continues to increase	
②Hospital Bed Occupancy Rate	15% or more (Number of patients admitted: more than about 220)	30% or more (Number of patients admitted: more than about 440)	
※Items to keep track of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Number of new cases (total for the week) compared to this past week ● Infection status by region ● Trends in Critical Care Bed occupancy Rate ● Trends in Breakthrough Infections ● Trends in new mutant strains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Number of new cases (total for the week) compared to this past week ● Infection status by region ● Trends in Critical Care Bed occupancy Rate ● Trends in Breakthrough Infections ● Trends in new mutant strains 	

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*After the "Fukuoka Corona Alert" is issued, discussion will be initiated with the national government on issuing of priority measures, and a request will be made to the national government to apply the measures when the hospital bed utilization rate reaches approximately 20%.

*After the "Fukuoka Special Corona Alert" is issued, discussions will be initiated with the national government issuing emergency measures, and a request will be made to the national government to apply the measures when the hospital bed utilization rate reaches approximately 50%.

When the infection settles

When the infection reduces		When the infection reduces	
Indicators	Lifting the Fukuoka Corona Alert (Guidelines for requesting the lifting of priority measures)	Lifting the Fukuoka Special Corona Alert (Guidelines for requesting the lifting of emergency measures)	
National Indicators	After it becomes Level 1	After it becomes Level 2	
①Number of New Cases	The 7-day average continues to decrease	The 7-day average continues to decrease	
②Hospital Bed Occupancy Rate	20% or less (Number of patients admitted: less than about 290)	50% or less (Number of patients admitted: less than about 740)	
※Items to keep track of	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of new cases (total for the week) compared to this past week Infection status by region Trends in Critical Care Bed occupancy rate Trends in new mutant strains 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Number of new cases (total for the week) compared to this past week Trends in Critical Care Bed occupancy rate Trends in new mutant strains Lifting emergency measures (recommendation by the National Subcommittee on 09/08/2021) The hospitalization rate is on an improving trend Continued decrease in the number of seriously ill patients The number of moderately ill patients is on a continuous downward trend The total of the number of patients receiving home treatment and the number of patients under adjustment of treatment, etc., must be on a downward trend. 	
<p>*Based on the indicators in (1) and (2), and taking into account the status of "Items to keep track of" a comprehensive judgment will be made with the opinions of municipalities and experts. When it is expected that the hospital bed occupancy rate is below 50% (less than 20%), consult with the national government on the lifting of emergency measures (priority measures).</p> <p>*The "Fukuoka Special Corona Alert" (Fukuoka Corona Warning) will be cancelled at the same time as the emergency measures (priority measures to prevent the spread of the disease or the prefecture's own measures) are cancelled.</p>			

Relationship between the level classification indicated by the national subcommittee and our response

Level classification national subcommittee	Prefectural Government responses	Hospital bed Occupancy rate	When the level increases
Level 4 (Level to be avoided)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disaster medical response Implementation of further behavioral restrictions 	—	
Level 3 (Level where countermeasures should be strengthened)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of emergency measures Consideration of setting up an oxygen administration stations 	Over 50%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Situation where the spread of infection has not stopped and there is a increase of hospital beds
Level 2 (Level of caution to be increased)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issuing the "Fukuoka Special Corona Alert" Consult with and request the national government to apply emergency measures. 	30% or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued upward trend in the number of new positive cases (7-day average) Bed occupancy rate of more than 30% (approx. 440 patients/1,482 beds)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Implementation of priority measures 	20% or more	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued upward trend in the number of new patients (7-day average) Bed occupancy rate of 20% or more (approx. 290 patients/1,482 beds)
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Issuance of the "Fukuoka Corona Alert" and implement of the prefectural government's own measures Consult with and request the national government to apply priority measures Consideration of changing triage standards, preparation for strengthening the public health center system, etc. 	15% or more	
Level 1 (Level to be maintained)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of comprehensive infection control measures, etc. 	Less than 15%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continued upward trend in the number of new cases (7-day average) Bed occupancy rate of more than 15% (approx. 220 patients/1,482 beds)
Level 0 (Less infection)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuation of comprehensive infection control measures, etc. 	—	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sporadic outbreaks of new cases

The following is a summary of the relationship between the issuing and lifting of "alerts" and "special alerts" and the prefectural

government's response to them, and the level classification given by the national government's subcommittee.

Level 0 in the national classification is a situation where the number of new cases is maintained at zero. Level 1 is a situation in which general medical care is stably secured and medical care is available for COVID patients.

At this stage measures will be continued, including thorough implementation of basic infection prevention measures.

Level 2 refers to a situation in which the number of new cases and the burden of general medical care and medical care for COVID patients is increasing. Also increasing the number of hospital beds, the prefectural government is able to respond appropriately to those who need medical care. At the point when this level becomes equivalent to Level 2, the "Fukuoka Corona Alert" will be issued and the prefectural government's own measures. will implemented.

Level 3 is a situation in which is that the medical care for the COVID patients cannot be provided without considerable restrictions on general medical care, and that it will not be possible to provide appropriate care to those who need it. Emergency measures will be implemented.

Level 4 is a situation where medical care for COVID patients cannot be provided even if general medical care is greatly restricted. This is a level that must be avoided at all costs.

Requests in case of future spread of infection

Requests during the spread of infection					
Levels	Level 2		Level 3	Level 4	
Major requests	Fukuoka Corona Alert <small>Prefecture's own restrictions</small>		Fukuoka Special Corona Alert <small>Priority measures for restaurants of the prefecture's own restrictions</small>		
			Emergency Measures		
Request to prefectural residents	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Thoroughly implement basic infection prevention practices, such as avoiding the "three Cs," wearing masks, and hand hygiene. Refrain from traveling across prefectures if you are not covered by the vaccine and testing package system. If you are asymptomatic but have concerns about infection, undergo PCR and other tests. 			Implementation of further behavioral restrictions (Examples) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspension of VTP Thorough refrain from going out, including during the daytime Closing of restaurants and bars Suspension of use of facilities Cancellation of events Drastic reduction in the number of employees at work 	
Businesses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refrain from visiting crowded places or places with high risk of infection 				
	Certified stores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No shortened hours required Alcoholic beverages may be served Less than 4 persons at the same table 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No shortened hours required or close at 21:00 Alcoholic beverages may be served Less than 4 persons at the same table 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close at 21:00 Alcoholic beverages may be served (less than 4 people for dinner) Reservations are limited to entry by VTP (less than 50% capacity)
		Non-Certified stores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close at 20:00 Alcoholic beverages can be served Less than 3 people at the same table 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close at 20:00 Alcoholic beverages can be served Less than 3 people at the same table
	facilities to attract customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests for necessary cooperation from facility administrators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing visitors Informing visitors to wear masks, etc. 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize and limit the number of visitors Installation of CO2 sensors, etc. Informing visitors to wear masks, etc.
	Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> More than 5,000 people, no restrictions Up to capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum of 20,000 people Up to capacity with VTP 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum of 10,000 people
Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5,000 people or 50% of the capacity, whichever is greater 50% accommodation rate with loud speaking, 100% accommodation rate without loud speaking 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum of 5,000 people 			

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Based on the revised basic response policy, the following is a summary of the requests for when infection spreads again in the future. Vaccination has progressed, the requests have been eased compared to the previous requests.

For restaurants and drinking establishments that have been certified by a third party, there will be no request to shorten business hours even in the case of priority measures, or to shorten business hours to 21:00, or to provide alcoholic beverages until 21:00 even under a state of emergency. In addition, the “Vaccine and Testing Package System” will be implemented. In addition, the “Vaccine and Inspection Package System” will remove the restriction on the number of people at the same table.

On the other hand, non-certified restaurants will be subject to the same restrictions as before. The number of certified restaurants has reached over 16,000 and is becoming more and more widespread in the prefecture. If the infection spreads, there will be a big difference in business if the restaurant is not certified. For those

restaurants that have not yet obtained certification, please do so while the infection is still under control.

For large-scale commercial facilities and other facilities that attract visitors, there are no plans (up to level 3) to request shortening of business hours. In holding events, if an infection prevention safety plan is formulated and approved by the prefectural government, it will be possible to increase the capacity of the events through the “Vaccine and Testing Package System”.

Although we expect these restrictions to be eased, it is important to continue basic infection prevention measures such as avoiding congestion and wearing masks. In addition, restaurants and other businesses are requested to thoroughly follow the infection prevention guidelines for their respective industries.

Securing the Health and Medical Care Provision System

Implementing the triage criteria system, and the timing for switching to the triage system have been re-organized and shared among the associated parties so that health observation and appropriate medical treatment according to individual symptoms can be conducted promptly after a positive test is detected. For the safety and peace of mind of those who test positive, we will ensure that, in principle, the public health centers will contact those who test positive on the same day, even when the infection is spreading.

Currently, in addition to the official vehicles of the public health center, we have secured more vehicles through outsourcing with the cooperation of the prefectural cab association, etc. However, in preparation for situations where hospitalization from temporary accommodations or emergency transportation at night becomes difficult, we will introduce transportation by private emergency services.

In terms of maintaining and securing hospital beds, we have already secured 1,482 beds, which is more than the 1,460 beds expected to

be needed in the event of future spread of infection, and we will continue to work on the appropriate management of these beds, as well as on the “visualization” as indicated in this basic policy for the hospital beds.

In addition, in preparation for the further spread of infection, we will continue to increase the number of hospital beds to the extent that it does not affect general medical care as much as possible. As for oxygen administration stations, we will prepare a new facility and aim to secure a maximum of 200 beds.

Treatment and recuperation systems other than hospitalization, we have secured new facilities this month, and currently have 11 facilities with a total of 2,234 rooms. We will continue to hold discussions with associated parties and aim to secure 12 facilities with a total of 2,400 rooms.

In addition, doctors and nurses will continue to be stationed 24 hours a day at all the facilities we have secured, and we will consider implementing a new critical path with standardized indicators. As the number of patients receiving treatment at home is expected to increase when the infection spreads, we have secured 1,000 medical institutions that are capable of handling outpatient visits and house calls for patients receiving treatment at home.

In addition to strengthening the system for the administration of neutralizing antibody drugs, we will discuss with the prefectural medical association and the prefectural pharmacists’ association about the development of a system that will enable local medical institutions to prescribe oral drugs when they become available.

With regard to support for the daily life of patients receiving treatment at home, we will strengthen cooperation with municipalities by providing contact information to municipalities that wish to receive such support with the consent of the patient.

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 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued upward trend in the number of new cases (7-day average) • If the number of required beds reaches the number of available beds in three weeks, or the bed occupancy rate exceeds 50% (approximately 740 patients/1,482 beds), or the critical care bed occupancy rate exceeds 50% (approximately 100 patients/203 beds) 			
Level 2 (Level of caution to be increased)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Issuing the "Fukuoka Special Corona Alert" ■ Consult with and request the national government to apply emergency measures. 	30% or more	
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Level 0 (zero infection)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Continuation of comprehensive infection control measures, etc. 	—	

Requests during the spread of infection

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Vaccine and Testing Package Program (VTP) allows a minimum of 5 people from the same group to enter the store at the same table. 				
	Non-Certified stores	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close at 20:00 Alcoholic beverages can be served Less than 4 people at the same table 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close at 20:00 Alcoholic beverages can be served Less than 4 people at the same table 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close (when alcoholic beverages and karaoke are served) Close at 20:00 (without serving alcoholic beverages, etc.) Less than 4 people at the same table 		
	facilities to attract customers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requests for necessary cooperation from facility administrators 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organizing visitors Informing visitors to wear masks, etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Organize and limit the number of visitors Installation of CO2 sensors, etc. Informing visitors to wear masks, etc. 		
	Events	Planned (over 5,000 people, no loud voices)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to capacity 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum of 20,000 people 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum of 10,000 people
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Up to capacity with VTP 				
	Others	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5,000 people or 50% of the capacity, whichever is greater 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Maximum of 5,000 people 			
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 50% accommodation rate with loud speaking 100% accommodation rate without loud speaking 				

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