

Regarding to the extension of the Priority measures

As of Friday, February 18, 2022

Priority Measures
Extended
until March 6 (Sun.)

The national government has extended the period of priority measures to prevent the spread of the disease in 17 prefectures, including Fukuoka Prefecture, until March 6 (Sunday). In response to this, the prefectural government will thoroughly implement the same measures as before and do its utmost to bring the infection under control. As the infection is still spreading throughout the prefecture, the area to be covered by the measures will be the entire prefecture as before.

【Request to Prefectural Residents】

Prefecture residents concerned about infection

Free PCR and other tests

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(Sun.)**

【Vaccination】

Vaccines are available at municipalities, prefectural government vaccination centers, and medical institutions; please consider getting the third vaccination and actively consider getting vaccinated regardless of the type of vaccine. In addition to the current three prefectural government vaccination centers (Miyama, Nogata, and Yukuhashi), we are now considering the establishment of a new center near Hakata Station. We are preparing to open a new center as soon as possible and will let you know when it is decided.

【Securing hospital beds, etc.】

Six new hospital beds have been secured, increasing the number of beds from 1558 to 1564.

The prefectural government is actively encouraging medical institutions receiving COVID-19 patients to "discharge patients who meet the discharge criteria", "transfer patients to logistic support hospitals", and "discharge patients early, who are diagnosed by doctors to have minor illnesses that do not require inpatient treatment after 4 days of hospitalization even before meeting the discharge criteria". At the same time, we are striving for the efficient utilization of

COVID hospital beds by promoting patients to transfer to logistical support hospitals, and by putting into operation a new system (information on the availability of logistical support hospitals) on the 16th to facilitate the transfer of patients to logistical support hospitals.

Patients who are discharged early from the hospital are accepted at temporary accommodation facilities where doctors and nurses are stationed.

Additionally, government subsidies will be expanded to support the ensuring a medical treatment system for residents of elderly facilities who are infected with COVID-19 and receive medical treatment in the facilities. We will prevent a shortage of hospital beds by informing the managers of elderly facilities about this and encouraging them to take advantage of this support system.

【In Conclusion】

We are very sorry to have to burden the prefectural residents and businesses once again, but we would like to ask for your understanding and cooperation in order to prevent the re-spreading of the disease and to bring it under control as soon as possible.

Let us act cautiously with the awareness that we ourselves are protecting each other and protect our loved ones and irreplaceable lives.