

Requests to Osaka Residents

1. Area : Entire Osaka Prefecture
2. Period : From March 13 to May 7, 2023
(However, revision of request details might be determined according to future infection situations.)
3. Details: See the following pages

3. Request details

① Requests to Osaka Residents (based on the relevant law)

- **Take thorough infection prevention measures (avoiding the *Three Cs, washing your hands, ventilating frequently, etc.)** *Three Cs: Closed spaces, Crowded places, Close-contact settings
- **Consider having an early vaccination (including vaccination for children)**
(request for cooperation not based on the law)

- To the elderly* and those who have close contact with the elderly on a daily basis such as their family members; to protect the elderly's lives and health, refrain from going out/traveling to places with high infection risk.
* Including people with high-risk of developing severe illness such as those who have underlying diseases
- When traveling between prefectures, take thorough basic infection prevention measures and refrain from behavior with a high infection risk at the destination.
- Take through infection prevention measures when meeting the elderly in person at elderly facilities.
(Consider non-contact visit measures such as an online visit as well)
- If a family member of an elderly person* is infected, to protect the elderly person's life, actively use a lodging facility for recuperation, etc.
- Use restaurants that have a Gold Sticker when dining

② **Request to municipalities** (based on the relevant law)

- **Accelerate vaccinations to the elderly who live in the elderly's facilities and hope to be vaccinated**

③ **Request to elderly facilities** (based on the relevant law)

- **Cooperate in implementing early vaccination**
- **Strengthen and thoroughly take basic infection prevention measures at every facility**
- **Take through infection prevention measures when the elderly meet visitors
(Consider non-contact visit measures such as an online visit as well)**
- **Conduct frequent tests (every three days) to employees of lodging/residential facilities.**
- **To managers of facilities, if someone tests positive or has similar symptoms, cooperate with in-facility doctors, collaborative medical institutions and house call medical institutions to provide swift treatment.**

④ Request to medical institutions (based on the relevant law)

- To collaborative medical institutions and house call medical institutions, cooperate in implementing early vaccination at elderly facilities.

- Strengthen and thoroughly take basic infection prevention measures. If an inpatient tests positive, continue treatment for COVID-19 along with his/her original disease.
- To core/house call medical institutions in the region, when asked for house call to elderly facilities from public health centers, cooperate with them including securing a house call system in the region.
- To core medical institutions for infectious diseases in the region, promote support for infection control at elderly facilities.

⑤ **Requests to universities, etc.** (based on the relevant law)

● **Thoroughly inform students that they should consider having an early vaccination against the Omicron strain** (request for cooperation not based on the law)

- Thoroughly inform students that they must refrain from coming to school and attending any activities if they have any symptoms such as fever.
- Inform students that they must take thorough infection prevention measures when joining activities such as:
 - Trips and drinking parties at home/their friend's home
 - Activities with high infection risk during club or after-school activities (camps, etc.) and dining before/after those activities
- Refrain from requesting students to submit a certificate of COVID-19 recuperation/ negative test result
- Thoroughly make students be aware of infection prevention measures in their dormitory

⑥ **Requests to the economic community** (based on the relevant law)

● **Thoroughly inform employees that they should consider having an early vaccination against the Omicron strain** (request for cooperation not based on the law)

- Thoroughly be aware NOT to request to submit a certificate of COVID-19 recuperation/ negative test result
- Give special consideration to allow teleworking or staggered working hours to the following employees:- Employees who have a risk of aggravation (such as a senior citizen or with underlying diseases), who are pregnant.- Employees who have a family member as stated above.
- Comply with guidelines of each industry

⑦ **Holding events (including ones hosted/co-hosted by Osaka Prefecture)** (based on the relevant law)

➤ **Request event organizers to impose the following restrictions on the events held in entire Osaka Prefecture**

	(A)Events with an Infection Prevention Safety Plan *3	(B)Other events (Without an Infection Prevention Safety Plan)
(1) Maximum number of people *2	Up to the full capacity	The larger one of 5,000 or 50% of the full capacity
(2) Capacity ratio *2	100%	100%
<p>Organizers are requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Submit an Infection Prevention Safety Plan to Osaka Prefecture at least before two weeks of the event ◆ When organizing “Other events (without an Infection Prevention Safety Plan) Make a checklist of infection prevention measures in line with the format set by Osaka Prefecture and present it on the website, etc. Keep the checklist for one year counting from the day the event finished <p>Participants of events are requested to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◆ Take thorough infection prevention measures before/after the event; and come strait to the venue and go strait home <p>* 1 Events include amusement parks and theme parks</p> <p>* 2 Need to meet the smaller one of (1) or (2) (need to meet the both conditions); When the full capacity is not set, keep enough distance between people to avoid physical contact</p> <p>* 3 Applied to the events that have 5,000 or more participants and 50% or more capacity rate.</p> <p>* 4 Food and beverages can be offered under the conditions that organizers obey infection prevention measures according to the type of each event such as complying with guidelines of each industry</p>		

⑧ **Facilities** (including the ones owned by Osaka Prefecture)

Requests to dining establishments (based on the relevant law)

Facilities

【Eateries】

restaurants (including pubs), cafés(excluding delivery/take-out services)

【Amusement facilities】

cabarets, night clubs, Internet cafés/comic cafés, karaoke boxes (limited to the ones approved by the Food Sanitation Act)

【Wedding halls】

When holding a wedding party in a wedding hall, hotel, or lodging facility that have received permission to run eateries

【Requests to every dining establishment】

- When using karaoke, take thorough infection prevention measures such as avoiding crowded situation and ensuring ventilation

【Requests to restaurants that don't have a Gold Sticker】

- Up to four people are allowed in a group and at one table
(Refrain from accepting a group of five or more people)
- Request customers to stay within around two hours.

● Facilities (including the prefectural facilities)

Request to facilities other than dining establishments (Cooperation request not based on the law)

Categories	Facilities	Cooperation details (Facilities more than 1000m ²)
Commercial facilities	big-box stores, department stores (including underground food stores), shopping centers(including underground malls), etc. (Retailers that offer daily necessities or essential services for daily lives are excluded)	<p>● To the facilities where clusters occurred before or that have a space with the Three Cs, take appropriate entry control measures (controlling and limiting the number of people, guiding people, etc.)</p> <p>● Take thorough infection prevention measures</p>
Amusement facilities	mah-jong game parlors, pachinko parlors, game centers, etc.	
Entertainment facilities	private movie theaters, “soap land” where one can bathe with entertainment services, shooting saloons, horse parlors, ticket counters for bike race outside the stadium, etc.	
Service businesses	luxurious bath houses, nail salons, esthetic salons, relaxation salons, etc.	

● Facilities (including the prefectural facilities)

Request to facilities other than dining establishments (based on the relevant law)

Categories	Facilities	Request details
Theaters, etc.	theaters, halls, movie theaters, variety theaters	<p>【Maximum number of people/capacity conditions】 When events are held: Same as the conditions of event holding</p> <p>【Other】 (Cooperation request not based on the law)</p> <p>● To the facilities where clusters occurred before or that have a space with the Three Cs, take appropriate entry control measures (controlling and limiting the number of people, guiding people, etc.)</p> <p>● Take thorough infection prevention measures</p>
Entertainment facilities	clubs with live music *	
Meeting/exhibition facilities	auditoriums, exhibition halls, cultural halls, multipurpose halls, etc.	
Hotels and inns	hotels, inns (meeting spaces ONLY)	
Sports/amusement Facilities	gymnasiums, skating rinks, swimming pools, indoor tennis clubs, judo/kendo training halls, bowling alleys, theme parks, amusement parks, baseball stadiums, golf courses, athletics stadiums, outdoor tennis ground, golf practice ranges, batting cages, sports clubs, hot yoga/ yoga studios, etc.	
Museums, etc.	museums, art museums, etc.	

*Facilities that are approved to run eateries are requested same restrictions as those of eateries.

Gold Sticker System

Reference

Outline

New Certification System established to make infection-resistant society by further promoting infection prevention measures in dining establishments so that residents can use them in the safe and secure environment

To whom

Dining establishments (Other than Takeout-only shops)

Criteria

It is required to meet all the criteria including the following examples:

- (Ex) • Keep distance between seats (Even when you sit face to face, acrylic boards are not necessary if 1m or more distance is secured.)
- Thoroughly disinfect hands and fingers
 - Thoroughly ventilate and set up a CO2 sensor
 - When sharing tongs and chopsticks in buffet-style restaurants, thoroughly have customers disinfect hands and fingers before using them

Contact Info.

Gold Sticker Call Center:

Tel: 06-6131-6280 (in Japanese only)

Hours: Weekdays 9:30 am to 5:30 pm



The basic response policy of the national government will be lifted on May 8, 2023. Accordingly, Osaka Prefecture will lift the Gold Sticker system as well as the equivalent sticker system for facilities other than restaurants as of the same date.

The National Government Policies about New Mask-wearing Guidelines and Lifting Other COVID-19 Response Measures

1. Revision of mask-wearing policies (Determined on February 10, 2023 by the Novel Coronavirus Response Headquarters)

- Mask wearing will not be required by the government as a blanket rule and individuals' choice will be respected. Basically it will be left up to one's decision.
- To help individuals make a decision, the government presents the cases where mask wearing is effective to prevent infection, and recommends wearing a mask in some specific cases
- The revised mask-wearing policy will be implemented from March 13, considering the period of public notification and preparation of industry groups and business operators. At schools, the revised policy will be implemented from April 1.

<Situations where mask wearing is effective>

-To prevent infections of the high-risk people including the elderly, mask wearing is recommended in the following situations:

- *When you visit a medical facility to see a doctor
- *When you visit a hospital/elderly's facility where many high-risk people stay
- *When you are on a crowded (commuting) train or bus (for the time being)

-Mask wearing is effective when high-risk people go to crowded places while COVID-19 is spreading.

<Business operators' response>

-They are allowed to ask customers and employees to wear a mask due to infection prevention measures and operational reasons.

<School response>

Basically mask wearing is not required. Students will attend the graduation ceremony conducted before April 1 without a mask.

2. Response to the revision of categorization for COVID-19 under the Infectious Disease Law

(Determined on January 27, 2023 by the Novel Coronavirus Response Headquarters)

- **From May 8, COVID-19 will be categorized as Class II infectious disease.**
- According to this revision, the law-based **infection prevention measures** such as cooperation request to residents and business operators **will be lifted.**
- **Accordingly, the third-party certification system in the restaurants and restriction on event holding will be lifted as of May 8.**
(Informed by the national government as of February 10, 2023)

Call Center regarding the requests based on the relevant law

Osaka Prefecture has established a Call Center to respond to inquiries regarding the requests based on the relevant law.

【Outline】

Days & Hours : **Monday to Friday: 9:30 am to 5:30 pm**

Tel : 06 - 6131 - 6408 (in Japanese only)

* FAQ are available on the website of Osaka Prefecture.