

5 High-Risk Scenes for Infection

SCENE ① Social gatherings involving alcohol

- Consumption of alcohol results in heightened energy and impaired attention. Drinking alcohol can also effect hearing, which often leads to raised voices.
- The risk of infection is particularly high if a large number of people gather together in a small, closed-space for a long period of time.
- Additionally, sharing drinks and chopsticks is also a high-risk behavior.



SCENE ② Eating and drinking in a large group over a long period of time

- Compared to short meals, eating and drinking over a long period of time or at venues with entertainment, and late night bar-hopping have a much higher risk of infection.
- Eating and drinking in a large group (5+ people) can lead to a higher risk of infection, as the increased noise means people will raise their voice and droplet infection can occur.



SCENE ③ Talking without masks

- Talking at close range without a mask increases the risk of droplet or microdroplet infection.
- As an example of infection due to not wearing a mask, there have been confirmed cases such as at daytime karaoke gatherings, etc.
- Caution is also necessary inside vehicles when traveling by bus or car.



SCENE ④ Communal living in small spaces

- Communal living, where closed and small spaces are shared for long period of time, can lead to an increased risk of infection.
- Suspected cases of infection have been confirmed in common areas such as dormitory rooms or bathrooms.



SCENE ⑤ Change of scenery

- Taking breaks at work, etc., can lead to a higher risk of infection, due to a false sense of security in the new environment and relaxed inhibitions.
- Suspected cases of infection have been confirmed in break rooms, smoking areas, and changing rooms.

