

Infection Prevention Measures for Year End and New Year Holidays

There will be more indoor gatherings for events such as Christmas and end of year parties, New Years Day and new year parties, coming of age ceremonies, etc. and increased opportunities to meet people you don't usually meet. To avoid the spread of infection, please practice basic prevention measures.



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Hokkaido Residents and Visitors

- ◆ Practice basic infection prevention measures. Avoid the 3 C's (crowds, close contact, closed spaces), practice social distancing, wear a mask and regularly wash and disinfect hands. In particular, please ensure good ventilation and other indoor prevention measures.



Especially when Visiting Home or Travelling

- ◆ If you feel unwell refrain from going out and actively seek medical consultation or testing.
- ◆ Avoid crowded places as much as possible.
- ◆ Be extra vigilant with prevention measures when meeting people you don't usually meet.



Eating/Drinking

- ◆ For Year End/New Year parties, etc. choose venues with the Hokkaido Restaurant Infection Prevention Certification that follow infection prevention measures. Keep time short, avoid heavy drinking and using loud voices and wear a mask when talking.

Be extra vigilant with prevention measures when in a crowd or meeting people you don't usually meet.



Businesses

- ◆ Follow industry-specific guidelines for infection prevention. (article 24 (9))
(For workplaces, specifically, please be thorough with prevention measures in breakrooms and smoking areas.)
- ◆ For restaurants etc., obtain the Hokkaido Restaurant Infection Prevention Measures Certification in order to demonstrate that you are sufficiently implementing infection prevention measures.



Schools

- ◆ Please follow the Hygiene and Safety Manual, and implement infection prevention measures in all school activities.



Events

○Maximum Attendees※1

5,000 people, or within 50% capacity, whichever is larger

○Capacity※1

[within 100%] Where loud voices/cheering are not expected

(With appropriate social distancing in the case that there are no seats)

[within 50%] Where loud voices/cheering can be expected※2

(With appropriate social distancing in the case that there are no seats)

〈When creating an infection control safety plan※3〉

○Maximum Attendees

Up to Capacity

○Capacity

Within 100%

※For details on the restrictions on holding events, please see the Hokkaido website (If it is announced that priority measures such as emergency measures and spread prevention measures will be implemented, the details of the measures will be decided separately according to the infection situation, etc.).

※1 The limit on attendees is whichever is smaller out of the maximum attendees or capacity listed above. (Both conditions must be met, however.)

※2 Loud voices/cheering refers to "an audience, etc. repeatedly and continuously produces louder voices than usual", and an event that actively recommends this or does not take sufficiently necessary measures to prevent this falls under the category of "loud voices/cheering can be expected".

※3 In the infection control safety plan, in order to steadily implement the necessary infection control measures at the time of the event, the details of specific infection control measures should be described for each event (in case the number of participants is over 5,000 and the accommodation rate is 50%, the infection control safety plan should be submitted at least 2 weeks before the event)

●When holding an event, follow industry-specific guidelines and implement contact tracing methods such as name lists and the use of the COCOA app.

The Hokkaido Government is working with local municipalities to implement effective infection prevention measures

Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

(1) Early recognition and handling of warning signs

- Implementation of contact tracing in order to determine the origin of infection
- Swift reaction to Cluster infections (Prompt setup of a local handling team, Quick formation of an information broadcast team, etc.)

(2) Normalization and promotion of an infection prevention mindset

- Continuation of basic infection prevention measures in preparation for an increase in indoor activity and eating out, etc.
- Implementation of measures throughout Christmas, New Year, End-of-year parties and other seasonal events.
- Use of Manga and Illustrations aimed at a younger audience
- Implementation of measures and activities based on the situation in each local municipality

Combatting New COVID Variants

- Strengthening monitoring systems to aid the early detection and intervention of the omicron variant

Securement of Sufficient Medical Supplies and Facilities

- Steady maintenance and securing of the medical care provision system based on the “Health and Medical Care Provision System Securing Plan” in order to prepare for the spread of infection.

Promotion of vaccination

- Further dissemination of information about the effects and effectiveness of the vaccine in preventing COVID-19
- Support for local municipalities in preparation for the vaccine booster shot.
- Dissemination of information to those who haven't yet had the first/second shot of the vaccine

Measures to Work Towards a Return to Dailey Life

- Promotion of the Hokkaido Restaurant Infection Prevention Measures Implementation Recognition System
- Steady operation of the vaccine/test package system