

# Special Measures During Peak Travel Season to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19

In anticipation of the increased movement of people due to the arrival of a peak travel season (summer vacation, Obon festival, etc.) special measures will be taken as to ensure a gradual relaxation of current restrictions and prevent a sudden increase in infections.

**TARGET AREA** All of Hokkaido

**PERIOD** Monday, July 12th – Sunday, August 22nd, 2021

Sapporo, which is in the center of Hokkaido and has much traffic with other areas, will be designated as a "priority area" and more thorough infection prevention measures will be taken.

**PRIORITY AREA** Sapporo City

**PERIOD** Monday, July 12th – Sunday, July 25<sup>th</sup>, 2021

As a general rule, the additional requests and calls for cooperation in the Priority Area will end when the period ends (and will shift to the same measures as above Target Area.) However, if the infection rates increase (such as the number of newly infected approaching 15 / 100,000 of the population), then strong measures will be taken, including extending the priority measures.

All Hokkaido  
(except Sapporo)

### Request Contents

#### (IN EVERYDAY LIFE)

- ◆ Presuming that the Delta strain of COVID-19, which is considered to be highly infectious, will become the dominant strain, avoid the “Three C’s”\*, and the “5 High-Risk Scenes for Infection”\*\* and take other measures, such as social distancing, wearing masks, hand washing, and disinfecting. (24(9))

\*Three C’s: Closed spaces with poor ventilation, Crowded places with many people nearby, Close-contact setting such as close-range conversations

\*\*Five High Risk Scenes; Social gatherings involving alcohol, Eating and drinking in a large group over a long period of time, Talking without masks, Communal living in small spaces, Change of scenery

#### (WHEN GOING OUT)

- ◆ Please be extra careful to avoid the risk of infection if you are in contact with an individual who is at high risk\* of developing severe symptoms. (24(9))

\*This includes the elderly, those who have certain pre-existing medical conditions, or some people in the late stages of pregnancy

- ◆ When unable to avoid the risk of infection, refrain from any unnecessary, non-urgent travel to Sapporo. (24(9))

\*Specifically, please stay home except for essential outings, such as visiting a hospital or clinic, exercising / walking outdoors in order to maintain or improve health, going out to buy daily necessities such as food or medicine, or commuting to work. Additionally, even during essential or urgent outings, please avoid times and places where congestion can be expected.

- ◆ Refrain from non-essential, non-urgent travel between prefectures, especially those under a state of emergency or quasi-emergency measures. (24(9))

If you absolutely must leave Hokkaido, in addition to taking thorough measures to prevent infection, please monitor your physical condition, such as checking your temperature or taking a PCR test if necessary.

\*Moreover, at your destination, please continue to implement basic infection countermeasures and avoid the 3 C’s, and if at all possible, avoid eating out with large groups of 5 or more people.

- ◆ When travelling to prefectures which are not under emergency measures, please make sure to implement basic infection countermeasures and avoid the 3 C’s, and if at all possible, avoid eating out with large groups of 5 or more people. (24(9))

# 【Call for cooperation for those considering travelling to Hokkaido】

### Request contents

- ◆ Along with thoroughly implementing basic infection countermeasures, we also request those coming to Hokkaido to do regular body temperature checks, and take PCR tests as necessary, etc. Additionally, please refrain from travelling if you have a fever, or other symptoms. (Call for Cooperation)

\*The government is planning to offer free optional PCR/Antigen tests to passengers departing from Haneda airport, Itami airport, etc. during the Summer holiday season.

## Request Contents

### **(WHEN EATING/DRINKING)**

- ◆ Please refrain from dining at restaurants, bars, etc. that do not have sufficient infection countermeasures.  
(Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)
- ◆ Please refrain from activities which have a high risk of infection, such as drinking alcohol in groups in a park, or on the roadside, etc.  
(Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)
- ◆ Please practice 'Mokushoku' (Silent Eating)  
\*Up to 4 people, only for a short period of time, no heavy drinking, shouting, or loud voices, and keep masks on while talking.  
(Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)

# 【Requests and Calls for Cooperation Regarding Events】

ALL HOKKAIDO

## Attendance & Capacity (※1)

- Maximum Number of Attendees (Whichever is larger)  
5,000 people or Maximum Capacity of 50% (within 10,000 people)
- Capacity  
[100%] events without loud voice or shouting (※2)  
[50%] events with loud voice or shouting (※3)

Article 24(9) of the Special Measures Law

\*If sufficient infection countermeasures are not implemented, consider holding the event without audience or online, as well as postponing or canceling the event

※1 The maximum capacity/personage is limited to whichever is smaller (but must fulfill both conditions)

※2 Events where attendees are not allowed to eat or make sounds, such as classical concert, theatrical performance, dance, traditional performance, performing arts, ceremonial performance, exhibition. (In case the events allow eating or drinking, if appropriate countermeasures are applied, the event will be allowed as long as making sounds during the events is not allowed)

※3 Rock or Pop concert, sports event, horse racing, performance at live house or nightclub, etc. (one seat distance between each group, maximum of 5 people per group, in some case the capacity could exceed 50%)

## Request content

- ◆ Observe industry-specific guidelines when holding events (Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)
- ◆ Take efforts to thoroughly prevent the 3 Cs or Eating/Drinking before/after the event (Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)
- ◆ Make thorough use of tracking measures, such as name lists, COCOA, the Hokkaido Corona Notification System, etc. (Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)
- ◆ If you want to hold an event which draws participants from across the country, or an event with more than 1000 participants, please consult with the Hokkaido Government (Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)

※ From July 12th, the event are subjected to suspension if the ticket sales fail to fulfil requests above.

※ Events to be held from Aug 23 onwards, will also be subjected to suspension if the ticket sales fail to fulfil requests above.

## Request content

- ◆ Implement measures such as remote work (telework), staggered working hours, commuting by bicycle, to reduce physical contacts. (Call for cooperation)
- ◆ Comply with Industry-specific Guidelines (Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)
- ◆ Confirm that infection countermeasures are properly implemented in high-risk areas such as break areas, eating spaces, etc. (Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)
- ◆ If the infection prevention measures are not appropriately implemented, karaoke facilities will not be allowed to use. (Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)

## 【 Requests for Schools】

ALL HOKKAIDO

### Request content

- ◆ Thorough implementation of infection countermeasures at schools and school dormitories, based on the hygiene management manual. (Revised April 28, 2021)  
(Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)
- ◆ Keep track of the infection status of all students and family members, etc. living in the same household, and take measures such as prompt and wide ranging closures (all school, grade, class depending on spread of infection) as necessary. In case of closure, ensure that students still engage in online learning, etc. and that those students who are unable to stay home have a place to go. (Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)
- ◆ Club activities have to comply with hygiene management manual, by implementing thorough infection countermeasures (Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)
- ◆ Universities, Colleges or Technical Schools should hold classes online or hold classes with reduced number of students in order to avoid close-contact between students. (Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)

## 【Public Facilities

### Public Facilities

- ◆ Comply with Industry-specific guidelines and implement appropriate infection countermeasures such as capacity limits and guidance of visitors

Priority Area

## Request Contents

### (IN EVERYDAY LIFE)

- ◆ Presuming that the Delta strain of COVID-19, which is considered to be highly infectious, will become the dominant strain, avoidance of the “Three C’s”\*, avoiding the “five places”\*\* and taking other measures, such as, social distancing, wearing masks and hand washing and disinfecting. (24(9))

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### (WHEN GOING OUT)

- ◆ If you cannot avoid the risk of infection, refrain from unnecessary, non-urgent outings\* (24(9))

\*Specifically, please stay home except for essential outings, such as visiting a hospital or clinic, exercising / walking outdoors in order to maintain or improve health, going out to buy daily necessities such as food or medicine, or commuting to work. Additionally, even during essential or urgent outings, please avoid times and places where congestion can be expected.

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Request  
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## (WHEN EATING/DRINKING)

- ◆ **Please refrain from dining at restaurants, bars, etc. that do not have sufficient infection countermeasures. (24(9))**
- ◆ **Do not go to eating establishments after 9PM (24(9))**
- ◆ **Please refrain from activities which have a high risk of infection, such as drinking alcohol in groups in a park, or on the roadside, etc. (24(9))**
- ◆ **Please practice ‘Mokushoku’ (Silent Eating) (24(9))**  
\*Up to 4 people, only for a short period of time, no heavy drinking, shouting, or loud voices, and keep masks on while talking.

# 【 Requests for Eating Establishments, etc.】

PRIORITY AREA

## Applicable Establishment

- [Restaurants] Eating establishments (including bars), Cafes, etc. (not including delivery and takeout)
- [Entertainment] Establishments with permission to serve food under the Food Sanitation Law, such as Cabaret and Karaoke box

## Request Contents

- ◆ **Business hours from 5AM-9PM** (Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)
- ◆ Alcohol should only be available between 11AM and 8PM (including alcohol brought in by customers) (Article 24(9) Special Measures Law)
- ◆ Implement the following infection countermeasures (Article 31(6)(1) Special Measures Law)
  - Recommendations for Staff to take PCR Tests etc.
  - Refusal of entry to those with a fever or other COVID-19 symptoms
  - Sterilization of Business Area
  - Refusal of entry for customers who do not wear a mask without a valid reason (including removal of those who break rule after entrance)
  - Ensure there is sufficient ventilation in the facility
  - Limiting entrance to max. 4 per group
  - Recommendation of mask usage when not eating
  - Requests to customers to avoid shouting/talking loudly (Silent Eating)
  - Recommendation of the usage of the COVID-19 Contact App COCOA and the Hokkaido COVID-19 Notification System
  - Time restrictions on customers to avoid congestion (approx. 2 hours)
- ◆ Establishments of which their primary purpose is to serve food/drink should suspend the use of Karaoke services if available ( Article 24(9) Special Measures Law )

※ Grants are available for businesses that comply with these requests

### 【Grants for Eating Establishments】

SME : Based on daily sales figures 25,000 yen ~ 75,000 yen Large Companies : Based on the total loss of daily sales figures Max 200,000 yen

# 【Requests and Calls for Cooperation Regarding Events】

PRIORITY AREA

## Maximum Capacity (※1)

- Maximum number of Attendees (whichever is larger) 5000 people, or 50% capacity (up to 10,000 people or less)
- Max. Capacity:  
[Within 100%] : It can be assumed in advanced that there will be **no** loud cheers, singing, etc. (※2)  
[Within 50%] It can be assumed in advanced that there will be loud cheers, singing, etc (※3)

Article 24(9)Special Measures Law

※Events which cannot properly implement infection countermeasures should consider switching to be online or crowdless, or if im possible, delay or cancellation.  
※1 The maximum number of people and the accommodation rate, whichever is smaller (must meet both conditions).  
※2 Classical music concerts, Plays, Dance Performances, Traditional Performing arts, Ceremonies, Exhibitions, Events involving Food/Drink without speaking (Events can be classified as not expecting cheers or loud voices as long as appropriate infection countermeasures are in place, and there is no speaking during the event)  
※3 Rock/Pop Concerts, Sporting Events, Public Competitions, Performances, Events at Live Houses/Nightclubs, etc. (One seat must be left vacant between groups, but attendees in the same group (up to 5 people) may sit next to each other. There may be some events which can exceed the 50% maximum capacity, as long as the follow the previous guidelines.

## Request Contents

- ◆ End events by 9:00 pm (excluding events held without an audience) (Call for Cooperation)
- ◆ If infection countermeasures cannot be properly followed, do not allow consumption of alcohol. (Call for co-operation)
- ◆ Observe industry-specific guidelines when holding events (Article 24(9)Special Measures Law)
- ◆ Take efforts to thoroughly prevent the 3 Cs or Eating/Drinking before/after the event (Article 24(9)Special Measures Law )
- ◆ Make thorough use of tracking measures, such as name lists, COCOA, the Hokkaido Corona Notification System, etc. (Article 24(9)Special Measures Law )
- ◆ If you want to hold an event which draws participants from across the country, or an event with more than 1000 participants, please consult with the Hokkaido Government (Article 24(9)Special Measures Law )

※ Sale of tickets must be ceased as previously for events which do not fulfill these requirements.  
※ Even if an event is held after the 26<sup>th</sup> of July, it must fill these conditions if tickets are sold within the countermeasure period.

## Request Contents

- ◆ To reduce the number of workers at one time in the workplace, implement measures such as Remote Work (Telework), Encouragement of the taking of leave, as well as staggered working hours, encouragement of commuting via bicycle, etc. (Call for Cooperation)
- ◆ Observe Industry-specific Guidelines ( Article 24(9)Special Measures Law )
- ◆ Confirm that infection countermeasures are properly implemented in high-risk areas such as break areas, eating spaces, etc.  
( Article 24(9)Special Measures Law )
- ◆ Do not provide Karaoke Facilities if infection countermeasures cannot be properly implemented. ( Article 24(9)Special Measures Law )
- ◆ Implement thorough infection countermeasures such as limits on customer numbers, etc. in large scale shopping facilities (malls, etc.).  
(Call for Cooperation)
- ◆ Major tourist facilities with light-up installations and businesses with light-up advertisements in entertainment districts, etc., please make efforts to turn them off after 8pm.  
( Call for co-operation )

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- ◆ Club activities should be hosted, with thorough infection prevention methods. If prevention methods are inapplicable, the activities will be subjected to suspension. Multiple health checks should be implemented, and a school-wide guidance system for infection disease control should be established. ( Article 24(9)Special Measures Law )
- ◆ Universities, vocational schools, etc., should avoid crowding by utilizing online lessons and implementing lessons in which students are divided into smaller classes. ( Article 24(9)Special Measures Law )

# 【Public Facilities】

## Public Facilities

Comply with Industry-specific guidelines and implement appropriate infection countermeasures such as capacity limits and guidance of visitors