

Response of Fukushima City to the State of Emergency

April 18th 2020

Fukushima City

1. In response to the state of emergency, we are once again sending out a message to all citizens to make requests regarding the prevention of the spread of the Novel Coronavirus.

2. Request to Refrain from Outings
 - ① We request that all citizens please refrain from unnecessary and non-urgent outings.
 - ② We request that those outside of Fukushima City, please avoid unnecessary and non-urgent relocation to Fukushima City.

3. Temporary Closure of Schools
 - ① The temporary closure of Fukushima City Municipal Elementary, Junior High or Special Needs Schools will be extended until May 6th.
 - ② Between April 22nd and April 28, 1 day of attendance will be provided, upon the implementation of to prevent the spread of infection such as alternate-attendance (by groups and time).
 - ③ Those who, due to working from home, are able to care for their children at home, should please refrain as much as possible from using schools or after-school care. For those children for whom a place cannot be secured however, care will be provided at schools and after-school care.
 - ④ Comprehensive support for the learning of children and students during school closures.
 - Home-learning packs made up of copies of textbooks and worksheets.
 - On the day of alternate-attendance, school libraries will lend out multiple books to encourage reading.
 - Learning support that makes use of ICT education materials (worksheets and the delivery of videos through the Fukushima City Municipal Schools Portal Site)

4. Response Regarding Kindergartens & Preschools
 - ① Municipal Kindergartens will be temporarily closed from April 21st to May 6th. Out-of-hours childcare will continue to be provided. Those who, due to

working from home etc., are able to care for their children at home, however, should please refrain from using these services.

- ② Fukushima City Municipal Preschools & Certified Child-care Centers will continue to accept children. In order to reduce the risk of infection, those who, due to working from home etc., are able to care for children at home, however, should please avoid attending.
- ③ We request the same response from private Child-care Centers, Preschools, and Nurseries. (Private Kindergartens have been requested from the Prefecture).

5. Municipal Facilities Closed for Use

- ① Excluding outdoor facilities, such as those for enjoying walking or parks, will, as a general rule, be closed for use from April 19th to May 6th.
- ② Break rooms and large play-equipment at such outdoor facilities, will also be closed for use for the same period.
- ③ At outdoor facilities available for use, reminders will be made of consistent hand-washing after use.

6. Event Cancellations & Postponements

- ① Events held by Fukushima City that can be postponed or cancelled will be so. (The Miss Peach Qualifying Competition etc.)
- ② Further caution will be brought to attention regarding events held at Meeting Halls etc.

7. Compilation of the 3rd Emergency Support Policy

- ① In response to the expansion of areas subject to the state of emergency, the 3rd Emergency Support Policy, built on the 3 pillars of preventing the spread of infection, supporting the everyday lives of citizens, and countermeasures for the region's economy, will be put together.