

Precaution Level Classification Standards

- Tochigi Prefecture has set its own indicators based on expert opinions in order to judge the state of the spread of infection within the prefecture.
 - Classification standards regarding precaution level are set for each indicator in order to judge the state of the spread of infection.
- ⇒ Levels for Infection prevention measures are determined on a comprehensive basis on level shifts for each indicator, infection conditions in neighboring prefectures, rate of infection cases where the route of transmission is unclear, etc.
- ※The decision to raise the precaution level is made swiftly. The decision to lower the precaution level requires approximately two weeks of observation.

Indicator		Special Precaution Level	Warning for Spread of Infection	Observation of Infection Status	Current Value	Highest Past Value	Notes
Status of Infection	Number of newly infected patients (In the past week)	More than 10 people	10 people or fewer	5 people or fewer	3 people (May 8—14)	18 people (April 6-12)	The Special Precaution Level is set based on the national standard of “0.5 people per 100,000”
	Rate of positive tests for infection (In the past week)	Over 7%	7% or lower	3% or lower	0.7% (May 8—14)	8.8% (March 19-25)	Special Precaution Level is set based on a presentation by Chiba University stating that “Maintaining a positivity rate of under 7% is important for controlling the fatality rate”
Treatment System	Percentage of beds being used	Over 50%	50% or lower	30% or lower	14.6% (May 14)	29.2% (April 27)	Number of beds available: 130 (As of May 14)
	Percentage of beds being used in severe cases	Over 50%	50% or lower	30% or lower	23.8% (May 14)	28.6% (April 28)	Number of beds available for severe cases out of 130 available: 21 (As of May 14)

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 High ← Precaution Level → Low

Standard Procedure for Each Precaution Level

Action	Special Precaution	Warning for Spread of Infection	Observation of Infection Status
Request for refraining from going out	【Request based on the Act on Special Measures Article 45 ①】 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refrain from going out other than in emergencies or necessary cases Refrain from travel between prefectures Avoid cluster outbreak areas 	【Request based on Article 24 ⑨】 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refrain from travel between prefectures Avoid cluster outbreak areas, 3 “C”s ※High-risk individuals requested to avoid going out other than in emergencies or necessary cases	【Request for cooperation not based on any legislation】 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Refrain from travel to prefectures under Special Precaution Request to avoid cluster outbreak areas, 3 “C”s
Limitations on use of facilities	【Request based on Article 24 ⑨ and Article 45 ②】 Applies to entertainment facilities, theaters, playgrounds and sports facilities, educational facilities, museums, etc. ※Conditional exceptions may be made	【Request based on Article 24 ⑨】 Request for cooperation regarding limiting the use of facilities where there is a risk of clusters or the 3 “C”s	【Request for cooperation not based on any legislation】 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> No requests for limiting use Request for regular infection prevention measures and avoidance of the 3 “C”s
Request for refraining from holding events	【Request based on Article 24 ⑨ and Article 45 ②】 Refrain from holding events where there is a risk of clusters or the 3 “C”s	【Request based on Article 24 ⑨】 Refrain from holding events where there is a risk of clusters or the 3 “C”s	【Request for cooperation not based on any legislation】 Request for cautious measures such as cancellation or postponement of large-scale or national events where risk is high
School Activity	Closure or attendance in smaller groups	Attendance in smaller groups or regular attendance	Regular attendance

※ High-risk individuals = The elderly, those who have pre-existing conditions or are pregnant, etc.

【Note 1】 Requests different from the standards above may be made based on national basic policy.

【Note 2】 Regardless of level, the people are requested to establish a “new lifestyle” and take thorough infection prevention measures at facilities.