

Nagano Prefecture COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Measures (2)

April 21, 2020

On April 17, 2020 Nagano Prefecture released the first set of COVID-19 Infection Prevention and Control Measures. However, the novel coronavirus has continued to spread due to the movement of people from Tokyo and other big cities.

Therefore, Nagano Prefecture has asked businesses with a high risk of transmission, and those that bring in visitors from outside of Nagano, to close temporarily. While we understand that this is a tremendous burden for business owners, protecting the lives of Nagano residents is our priority.

1. **Area**

1. All of Nagano

2. **Duration**

2. April 23 (or as soon as possible) to May 6, 2020

3. **Details**

Section 1

1. The following venues have been asked to close temporarily.
 - Entertainment venues (e.g. cabarets, nightclubs, karaoke parlors, and live music clubs)
 - Leisure and recreation venues (e.g. sports halls, gyms, mahjong parlors, pachinko parlors, and game centers)
 - Cinemas (e.g. theaters and planetariums)
2. The following venues, businesses, and services have been asked to ensure that visitors' temperatures are taken and that proper hand disinfection is practiced so as to prevent transmission.
 - Schools and kindergartens
 - Colleges, vocational schools, driving schools, and cram schools
 - Nurseries, after-school clubs, and nursing homes
 - Hospitals and pharmacies
 - Markets, supermarkets, department stores, hardware stores, and convenience stores
 - Apartments and dormitories

- Buses, taxis, trains, and airplanes
 - Factories
 - Banks, prefectural offices, city halls, and town and village offices
 - Newspaper companies, television stations, funeral halls, hair salons, and barber shops
3. With the exception of delivery and takeout, food establishments have been asked to close between the hours of 8 AM and 5 PM, and to stop serving alcohol after 7 PM.
- Restaurants and cafés

Section 2

1. The following venues have been asked to consider closing temporarily as they bring in large volumes of tourists and people from outside of Nagano. If they remain open, they are asked to ensure that visitors' temperatures are taken and that proper hand disinfection is practiced.
- Museums, halls, aquariums, and zoos
 - Hotels, Japanese inns, hot springs, golf courses and amusement parks

Section 3

1. Businesses which have implemented numbers 1 or 3 of Section 1, or Section 2 are eligible to receive grants. For further details, please refer to the following page.

Financial Assistance from Nagano Prefecture

Business Support Funds

A grant of 300,000 JPY is available for certain businesses which have closed temporarily to prevent the spread of COVID-19, due to requests from the Prefectural Government.

Eligible Businesses:

- Cabarets, nightclubs, karaoke parlors, sports halls, gyms, mahjong parlors, pachinko parlors, game centers, theaters, cinemas, and food establishments
- Venues that bring in large volumes of tourists such as museums, hotels, and golf courses
- If you are a business owner, you may be eligible for other loans and funding opportunities. For more information, please contact the Nagano Prefecture Multicultural Consultation Center at one of the numbers listed below.

General Support Funds

- Emergency Welfare Loans
If your income has decreased due to business closure, you can borrow up to
- 100,000 JPY.
- Housing Benefits
If your income has decreased due to business closure, and you are no longer able to afford the cost of your rent, you are eligible to receive financial support based on the number of people in your family.
- Cultural Activities Support Grants
If you are an artist of fine arts with a connection to Nagano Prefecture, please contact the Nagano Prefecture Multicultural Consultation Center at one of the numbers listed below.

Please call if you need assistance.

Phone Consultations: 026-235-7945 (Japanese)

Hours: 7 AM to 10 PM

For interpreting services, please call 026-219-3068 or 080-4454-1899.

Nagano Prefecture Multicultural Consultation Center

Hours of Operation:

- Weekdays (except 1st and 3rd Wednesdays), 10 AM to 6 PM
- 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 10 AM to 6 PM

Financial Assistance from the Japanese Government

For Business Owners:

- If your business's turnover has decreased by more than 50% compared with the same month last year, your company is eligible to receive up to 2,000,000 JPY. If you are self-employed, you may receive up to 1,000,000 JPY.
- You are eligible to receive assistance to help fund paid leave for employees.
- If your revenue decreases, tax payments can be postponed for up to one year.
- The government has asked landlords to delay rent payments.

For Residents:

- Children and adults who satisfy the following conditions are eligible to receive 100,000 JPY.
 - Possess a valid visa with three or more months remaining
 - Have a registered certificate of residence
- Families are eligible to receive an additional 10,000 JPY for each child who is junior-high-school-aged or younger.

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