

Regarding COVID-19 Countermeasures After March 22nd

Special Urgent Request Ends→ Period to Prevent Another Rise in Infections Begins

▽ Through the **Special Urgent Request** that started on February 1st, Miyagi Prefecture was able to **lower the amount of infections** and **reduce the burden on the healthcare system**
→ As the **Special Urgent Request comes to an end** and there is a loosening of certain parts of COVID-19 countermeasures, consideration is also being given to the increase in group activities etc., that accompany the start of the new fiscal year
→ **A period to prevent another rise in infections** will last until **April 10th**, continuing efforts to **balance control of the spread of infection** along with maintaining social and economic activities

Special Urgent Request (February 1st to March 21st)

▶ Follow infection countermeasures and cooperate with the following requests



① Accelerate the **3rd shot of the COVID-19 vaccine**



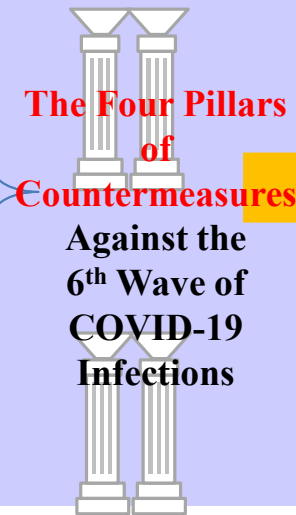
② Strengthen infection countermeasures at **schools and daycares**



③ Maintain infection countermeasures and programs **at elderly and disabled persons care centers**



④ Further promotion of **telework and staggered work hours, etc.**



Period to Prevent Another Rise in Infections (March 22nd to April 10th)

▶ Relaxing certain restrictions for educational institutions and business establishments while **maintaining the Four Pillars of Countermeasures**

Educational Institutions	Relaxations on club activities (practice matches, etc.)
Business Establishments	Relaxations on restrictions on the number of employees allowed at work

▶ Try to limit the risk of infection expected **from the increase in travel and events that accompany** starting school or a job, or enjoying spring break, etc.

※ This is not a request to refrain from travel or participating in events, but **a request to follow infection countermeasures when traveling and engaging in other activities**

Content of Prevention Requests for **Prefectural Residents** 【All Regions】

From March 22nd to April 10th

【Per Article 24, Paragraph 9】

• **When engaging in travel between prefectures such as visiting home or going on a trip,** follow infection prevention countermeasures and refrain from participating in activities that carry a high risk of infection at your destination

• **When holding events that involve eating in groups** (excluding delivery and takeout), use restaurants that have taken appropriate infection prevention measures, such as Ninshoten^{※1}, and **ensure that events are held over a short period of time, that you avoid speaking in a loud voice, and that masks are worn during conversation, conduct that will keep you from getting infected or infecting others.**

※ 1 : Ninshoten are restaurants recognized under the Miyagi Restaurant COVID-19 Countermeasures Certification System

• Refrain from activities that carry a high risk of infection, and follow infection prevention measures (**People who are not yet vaccinated should be especially careful**) 【Ongoing】

• When dining out at a restaurant, etc., **avoid eating with more than five people in the same group at the same table (Groups of 5 or more may dine together as long as there are no more than 4 people at the same table.)** 【Ongoing】

• Actively comply with infection prevention measures implemented by restaurants 【Ongoing】

• Asymptomatic prefectural residents who are worried that they have been infected should get tested 【Ongoing】

※ Taking into consideration the current situation of infections, there shall be no relaxation of restrictions that require a negative test from all people involved