

○ A case of COVID-19 has been confirmed on Yakushima (April 20, 2021)

Request concerning the confirmed case of COVID-19 on Yakushima

Two new cases of COVID-19 on Yakushima have been confirmed on April 20.

A male in his 30s and a female in her 60s who both live on Yakushima have tested positive for COVID-19.

Kagoshima Prefectural Office is tracing their movements and close contacts.

Yakushima Town Office is in cooperation with organizations against COVID-19. I would like for the people of Yakushima to keep calm and not panic.

Yakushima Public Health Center conduct interviews with infected person. If there is a doubt of COVID-19 infection, the necessary examination will be conducted to all close contacts.

Even if you are a close contact and your test is negative for COVID-19, self-isolation is legally required to help prevent the spread of disease. I hope that you understand those circumstances and also ask that you **refrain from spreading rumors and unfair discrimination related to COVID-19.**

Anyone could get infected with COVID-19 at any time. The infection routes have not been identified in some COVID-19 cases on Yakushima. In order not to contract COVID-19 and infect other people, I would like for you to continue to comply with the countermeasures against COVID-19.

I request that local businesses on Yakushima **adhere to each industry guidelines.** I would also like for the people of Yakushima to continue to follow the countermeasures against COVID-19. Please make sure to **wash your hands, gargle, wear masks, and use hand sanitizers. Avoid CLOSED-IN SPACES, CROWDED PLACES, CLOSE-CONTACTS.** Please always be mindful of your actions against COVID-19.

COVID-19 transmission among household members has been increasing throughout Japan. There are many families living with elderly and/or a person who has pre-existing disease on Yakushima. To prevent the spread of COVID-19, we are requesting these household people, in particular, to adhere to the countermeasure against COVID-19.

If you don't feel well, please avoid going out. If you have a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, call your family doctor or Yakushima Public Health Center (TEL:46-2024) for advice.

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