

○ Yakushima Town's COVID-19 Alert Levels

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Unlike urban areas, Yakushima has limited medical facilities. Many elderly people live on this island and if widespread COVID-19 infections were to occur on Yakushima, our regional medical facilities would be overwhelmed making medical care difficult.

Under such circumstances, Yakushima Town Office's COVID-19 Response Headquarter has developed "Yakushima Town's Alert Levels and Guidelines for Action" after consulting with relevant organizations regarding COVID-19 infections. It was established to help Yakushima recover socially and economically, while ensuring the safety of the people of Yakushima.

Regardless of the town's alert level, to help prevent the spread of COVID-19, we are requesting people to continue with all 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.

※The Yakushima Town's Alert Levels were amended and updated at the COVID-19 Response Headquarters' meeting on November 4, 2021, and they took effect on the same day.

Alert Level	Situation	Guidelines for Action
Extremely high Alert Level 5	Critical increase in COVID-19 cases The risk of COVID-19 infections is extremely high due to increased cluster and widespread infections on Yakushima.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Declaration of State of Emergency (Please refrain from visiting Yakushima. We strongly ask residents of Yakushima to refrain from leaving Yakushima during this time.) ▶ We also ask residents to stay home as much as possible. ▶ Everyone must thoroughly comply with all countermeasures against COVID-19.
Very high Alert Level 4	Widespread increase in COVID-19 cases The risk of COVID-19 infections is very high due to cluster and/or widespread infections on Yakushima.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We ask residents to stay home as much as possible. If possible, refrain from traveling outside Yakushima. ▶ We strongly ask you to comply with all countermeasures against COVID-19. ▶ If you don't feel well, please stay home and call your family doctor or Yakushima Public Health Center (Tel:46-2024) for advice.
High Alert Level 3	Sporadic increase of COVID-19 cases The risk of COVID-19 infections is high due to sporadic occurrence of COVID-19 cases on Yakushima and its number of cases being 5 people or more.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We ask you to comply with all countermeasures against COVID-19. ▶ We strongly ask all local businesses on Yakushima to comply with all countermeasures against COVID-19. ▶ We ask that you refrain from spreading rumors and discriminating against anyone infected with COVID-19. (Anyone could get infected with COVID-19 at any time.)
Moderate Alert Level 2	Confirmation of new case of COVID-19 The risk of COVID-19 infections is moderate from affected areas and the number of COVID-19 cases on Yakushima is fewer than 5 people.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ Please refrain from nonessential and non-urgent visits to areas where infections are spreading. ▶ Always be mindful of your actions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infections. ▶ We ask all local businesses on Yakushima to thoroughly follow industry guidelines.
Low Alert Level 1	No new cases of COVID-19 The risk of COVID-19 infections is low from affected areas and there are no confirmed cases on Yakushima.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▶ We request people to adhere to the "New Norm of Lifestyle." ▶ We ask all local businesses on Yakushima to follow each industry guideline.

COVID-19 Alert Level Specific

Alert level The alert level is divided into five levels according to the COVID-19 situation on Yakushima.

Guidelines for action Each alert level has guidelines for actions to be taken.

Public announcement Town office will inform the public through its website and wireless radio when information is available.