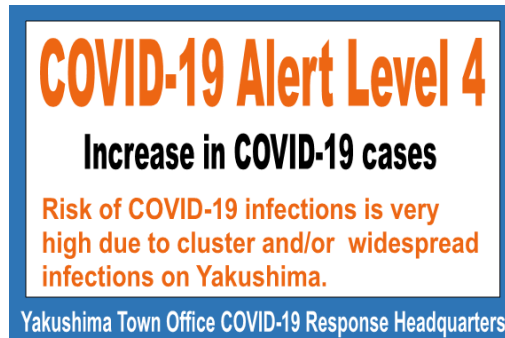


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Request concerning the confirmed case of COVID-19 on Yakushima



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Yakushima Town Office is in cooperation with organizations dealing with COVID-19 and we will inform you as soon as we receive an update from them. We strongly request that you do not make any inquiries to the hospitals or related organizations because it will get in the way of their work. **We also ask that you refrain from spreading rumors and unfair discrimination related to COVID-19.**

A **semi-state of emergency** has been imposed on the entire prefecture of Kagoshima. Kagoshima Prefecture **High Increase in COVID-19 Infection Warning** is also in effect. Kagoshima Prefecture has asked that people refrain from nonessential or non-urgent visits or travel.

We would 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 to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infections.

We also request that local businesses on Yakushima **adhere to each industry guidelines.**

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.**

We greatly appreciate everyone's understanding and cooperation in preventing the spread of COVID-19.

February 17, 2022

Yakushima Town Office COVID-19 Response Headquarters