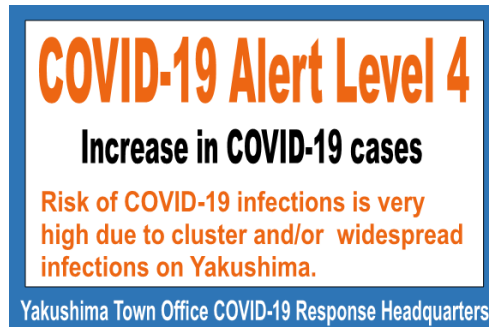


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Request concerning the confirmed case of COVID-19 on Yakushima



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Kagoshima Prefecture announced today that a COVID-19 cluster has been identified at a childcare center in Yakushima Town.

In response to cluster infections on Yakushima, Yakushima has raised the COVID-19 alert level from stage 2 to **stage 4**. The outdoor and indoor municipal facilities will be closed from March 30 to April 1.

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.**

We would like for the people of Yakushima, including fully vaccinated people, to continue with 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.**

In addition, please **refrain from nonessential and non-urgent travel** on Yakushima, and **avoid large group gatherings**. 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.

March 29, 2022