

# ○ Amended and Update of Yakushima Town's COVID-19 Alert Levels (Starting on October 6, 2022)

## Yakushima Town's Alert Level & Guideline for Action

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 COVID-19 Response Headquarter has updated "Yakushima Town's Alert Level and Guideline for Action" after consulting with relevant organizations regarding COVID-19 infections. The guideline 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, use hand sanitizers, and keep the air circulating. 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 October 5, 2022, and they were in effect the next day.

Yakushima Town's COVID-19 Alert Levels

	Alert Level	Situation	Guidelines for Action
	<b>Alert Level</b> <b>1</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•No confirmation of COVID-19 cases</li> <li>•The risk of COVID-19 infections is low from outside Yakushima.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Potential visitors and residents of Yakushima Town are asked to take basic countermeasures against COVID-19 such as proper ventilation, hand washing, wearing masks, and avoiding closed-in spaces, crowded places, and close-contacts.</li> </ul>
	<b>Alert Level</b> <b>2</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Daily cases fewer than 100 people in Kumage region</li> <li>•The risk of COVID-19 infections is moderate from affected areas outside Yakushima.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•COVID-19 countermeasures must be complied with thoroughly.</li> <li>•We ask all local businesses on Yakushima to comply with all countermeasures against COVID-19.</li> <li>•We ask that people refrain from spreading rumors and discriminating against anyone infected with COVID-19.</li> <li>(Anyone could get infected with COVID-19 at any time.)</li> </ul>
	<b>Alert Level</b> <b>3</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Dramatic increase in COVID-19 infections</li> <li>(100 or more confirmed cases per day in Kumage region and one cluster contamination in Yakushima Town)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•We strongly appeal to all people in Yakushima Town, potential visitors, and local businesses on Yakushima to comply with all countermeasures against COVID-19.</li> </ul>

\* Regardless of the town's alert level, please comply with countermeasures against COVID-19 such as "proper ventilation (to reduce exposures to the virus)", "hand washing", "using hand sanitizers", and avoiding "closed-in spaces", "crowded places", and "close-contacts".