

○ Request concerning the confirmed case of COVID-19 on Yakushima

One new case of COVID-19 on Yakushima has been confirmed on April 18.

A male in his 70s living on Yakushima has tested positive for COVID-19. Kagoshima Prefectural Office is tracing his 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 Health Center has conducted interviews with the case of COVID-19. If someone is considered to be a potential close contact by their interview, the careful inspections have been undergone by them.

If someone has had close contact with someone who has COVID-19, self-quarantine is officially required by law to help prevent the spread of disease. So even if you are aware of these incidents, **please do not spread misinformation, rumors and unfair discrimination related to COVID-19.**

Anyone could get infected with COVID-19 at any time.

In some COVID-19 cases on Yakushima, the infection routes have not been identified. In order not to contract COVID-19 and infect other people, the full cooperation of the people is required.

I ask that local businesses on Yakushima **adhere to each industry guidelines**. I would also like for you 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**. 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 with elderly people and/or pre-existing disease on Yakushima. We are requesting these household people, in particular, to adhere to the countermeasure against COVID-19.

If you have a fever or feel ill, please avoid going out and call your family doctor or Yakushima Health Center (TEL:46-2024) for advice.

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