

Covid-19 Infection Entering the “6th Wave”

Omicron Variant Emergency Measures (Extract)

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As infections caused by the Omicron variant spread throughout the country, we find ourselves in the middle of a "Sixth Wave." After the New Year's holidays, there has been a sharp and sudden increase in the infected within Gifu prefecture. This explosive increase in infections warrants a state of extreme caution.

To all citizens of Gifu prefecture, we ask for a continuance of efforts in order to protect the region's society and economy, as well as the precious lives of yourself, your family, and loved ones.

【Characteristics of Omicron Variant】

- The strength of infectivity is about three times that of the Delta variant.
- While with the Delta variant it took about 5 days for symptoms to develop, with Omicron variant symptoms develop in about 3. (Gifu prefecture cases of infection)
- In those individuals in which 20-24 weeks have passed since receiving both doses of the vaccine, the percentage of effectiveness against developing symptoms drops to a rate of about 10%. (Report from the UK)
 - ※The majority of people confirmed to be infected with Omicron in Gifu Prefecture have been fully vaccinated.

【Strengthening of Infection Prevention Measures】

1 Implementation of Basic Infection Measures

- Continuation of thorough implementation of "Basic Infection Measures".

①The wearing of masks ②Hand hygiene ③Avoid the Three C's
④Frequent ventilation ⑤If in poor health, a full halt to all social activity

- As the risk of infection rises, the avoidance of the following "5 Scenarios"

①Drinking at get-togethers, etc ②Eating with a lot of people or for a long time
③Talking without masks ④Exercise caution in dorm rooms, toilets, and common areas
⑤Exercise caution in rest areas, changing rooms, and smoking areas

2 Travel

- Avoidance of non-urgent and unnecessary travel to special measures districts, etc., including to regions of expanding infection.

3 Eating and Drinking

- Avoidance of eating with a lot of people and/or for a long time (with a group of four, within roughly two hours).