Prepare for the Next Infectious Disease Crisis

Infectious disease crisis emerges repeatedly. Based on the experience of COVID-19, the government fully revised the National Action Plan for Novel Influenza, etc., and will upgrade preparations to be made in normal times for the next infectious disease crisis.

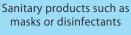
Under an infectious disease crisis, the actions of the people are essential. Thank you for your understanding regarding preparations in normal times and measures under the infectious disease crisis.

Requests for Preparation in Normal Times

Recommendation of stockpiling at home and the workplace

Also effective during disasters!

Plan to buy and store items slightly more than usual. Consume older items by replacing them with new items.









etc.

* There is a possibility that you fail to buy something due to business suspension, you recuperate at home, or it takes some time to increase masks.

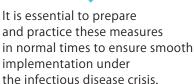
Workplace Initiatives

In the event of novel influenza, etc., measures to reduce human contact such as

Online meetings Telework



are recommended.





Initiatives for Children Attending School

- In case of the temporary school closure, discuss how to spend the period with your family.
- It is also important to check the location and schedule of after-school childcare facilities.



Up-to-date information

It will be shared regularly through the official websites and social media accounts of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and other related agencies. Please check them out.



Official SNS of the Cabinet Agency for Infectious Disease Crisis Management













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Request for Confirmation to Prepare for Infectious Disease Crisis

Under the infectious disease crisis, the following cooperation may be requested, so please review these measures in normal times.

To prevent the spread of novel influenza, etc.

Points in daily life

Basic infectious disease measures

(ventilation, coughing manners such as wearing masks, hand washing, avoiding crowded places, etc.)

Efforts such as staggered working hours, teleworking, and online meetings.

Basic Infection Control Measures











When Symptoms Such as Fever Appear

Points for Visiting Hospitals

If you or your family exhibit symptoms such as fever



If you have returned from affected countries/regions or show suspicious symptoms such as fever, which you suspect to be infected

Consult the consultation center established by the prefectures via phone



If the consultation center determines that medical examination is necessary

Visit a medical institution with fever outpatient care



(Note) Once vaccines or treatments are widely available, the system will transition from connecting patients to fever outpatient care via consultation centers to allowing symptomatic patients to directly visit fever outpatient care.

Anticipated Measures of Novel Influenza, etc.



To prevent the domestic spread of highly infectious new diseases, the following measures may be implemented as necessary.

- Under intensive measures for prevention of spread of infection, etc. changes business hours, recommendations for employees to undergo testing, prohibition of entry for those with fever, disseminating infectious disease measures and prohibition for those who disobey the measures.
- Based on declaration of a state of emergency, requests for refraining from going out, suspending the use of facilities, limitations or cancellations of events.

The National Government Will Upgrade Preparations in Normal Times

System Development

- Building a system that provides infectious disease medical care (hospitalization, fever outpatient care, etc.) by concluding medical service agreements between prefectures and medical institutions.
- Developing a testing system and securing equipment and materials in normal times to enable testing to begin promptly after outbreaks.
- Promoting research and development of vaccines and therapeatic agents for priority infectious disease such as pandemic influenza in normal times strengthen foundations of research and development.

Stockpiling

Establishing systems that ensure the sufficient distribution of infectious disease control supplies such as pharmaceuticals, medical devices, personal protective equipment, etc., to medical facilities and other necessary institutions.



