

Important Measures to prevent the spread of infections among children (Request made based on Clause 9 of Article 24 of the Act on Special Measures for Pandemic Influenza and New Infectious Diseases Preparedness and Response)

1. To all the parents

- Check your children's physical condition including measuring their body temperatures at home and refraining from sending them to school, kindergartens, or nursery schools, etc., if they have any symptoms such as a sore throat.
- If any family member living with you has been tested positive, report immediately to your children's schools, as well as to the facilities they are involved with and consider actions such as refraining from sending them to schools.

2. To all the administrators of facilities

- Have air ventilation at all times.
- Thoroughly take basic preventative measures such as washing your hands or sanitizing hands and other things that many people touch including desks and doorknobs.
- Thoroughly manage the physical conditions of children and staff, if they feel unwell, send them back home without making them have to stay.

(1) To the administrators of kindergartens, nursery schools and certified daycare centers

- Appropriately decide whether the children need to wear a mask or not depending on their growth status and what kind of activities they will do.
- Consider the approach of doing activities, such as cancellation, postponement or decreasing the size if children in several classes are doing them together.
- When doing activities including eating and drinking, take measures to prevent airborne droplets such as by arranging desks so children sit without facing each other and refraining from having conversations.

(2) To the administrators of elementary schools and after-school child-care service facilities

- Make sure to have children thoroughly wear a mask when having conversations and instruct them to wear a mask properly.
- Avoid conducting activities in which children crowd together or are in close range of each other at schools and other facilities as well as conduct activities in different times and places.
- For elementary schools and after-school child-care service facilities, work together with each other and make use of larger classrooms or school gymnasiums if they are available.
- When doing activities including eating and drinking, take measures to prevent airborne droplets such as by arranging desks so children sit without facing each other and refraining from having conversations.

(3) To the administrators of junior and senior high schools

- Secure physical distance between students while doing activities, and reduce the risk of infections by thoroughly having air ventilation and hygiene management as well as managing the number of students in the clubrooms.
- Take more thorough preventative measures when eating in poorly ventilated rooms and have students wear a mask while having conversations.
- Have students thoroughly wear a mask even while going to and from school if multiple students go together.
- Take thorough preventative measures not only in activities at school but at competitions or practice matches, etc.

Area covered

The entire area of Fukushima Prefecture

Duration

From 16 May 2022 to 12 June 2022