

18th of May 2009

City of Kobe

Information Regarding the Prevention of Pandemic Influenza (Swine Flu) in Kobe

With the outbreak of confirmed cases of Pandemic Influenza in Kobe, the following preventative measures will be taken during the period of the 16th of May through the 22nd of May. We ask that all citizens take care to note and follow any information distributed by the National, Prefectural and Municipal Governments.

- All kindergartens, elementary, junior high and high schools as well as special needs schools within Kobe city area will be closed.
- We are requesting that all private schools, universities, prefectural schools and schools in Ashiya be closed.
- All the school trips at municipal schools in Kobe are to be postponed. We are requesting the same of private schools.
- All day-care facilities such as nursery centers, centers for senior citizens and the challenged will be closed.
- All events run by Kobe are to be cancelled or postponed.
- Public facilities run by the city will remain open. Care is being taken to ensure the facilities remain sterile and well ventilated. Citizens using the facilities may be asked to wear masks as one of the measures being taken to decrease the chance of transmission. We are asking that similar measures be enforced at private institutions as well.

We ask for your understanding and cooperation in dealing with the following in a calm manner.

- ① Please refrain from making unnecessary trips outside.
 - ② Please wash your hands and wear a mask.
 - ③ **In the case that you have any influenza-like symptoms including fever, coughing or other symptoms, please call one of the numbers below before going to a medical institution.**
- For those citizens who cannot speak Japanese, please call 080-6115-9901 between 9am and 5pm on weekdays.
 - For those citizens who can speak Japanese please call the Kobe Fever Consultation Center on 078-335-2151.