

**Information Regarding the Prevention of Swine Influenza in Kobe**

In order to protect the health and lifestyle of the citizens of Kobe and to reduce widespread infection as well as be effect on the social and economic spheres, it has been decided that the following actions will be taken.

1. All kindergartens, elementary, junior high and high schools as well as special needs schools in Kobe will be closed until Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. All schools will reopen on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May provided appropriate preventative measures have been taken. However, technical colleges will remain closed for another week until Friday the 29<sup>th</sup> of May. If a new case of influenza is found, that school will be closed for a specified period of time. We are asking that private schools, universities and prefectural school take the same action.
2. All school trips at municipal schools in Kobe that were planned up until the end of May are to be postponed. Private schools will act in line with prefectural regulations.
3. All day-care facilities such as nursery centers, centers for senior citizens and the challenged will be closed until Friday the 22<sup>nd</sup> of May. All facilities will reopen on Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May provided appropriate preventative measures have been taken. However, these facilities will be closed if a new case of influenza is found. We are requesting the same of private facilities.
4. All events run by Kobe City will go ahead as of Saturday the 23<sup>rd</sup> of May provided that measures are taken to decrease the chance of transmission such as asking people to wash their hands and wear masks. Events that are cancelled or postponed will be posted on the Kobe City webpage.
5. 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.
6. We would like to relay the following to all citizens:
  - ① Please take care not to baselessly slander or defame those individuals or families that have been affected by swine influenza
  - ② Please take appropriate preventative measures including practicing proper respiratory etiquette, wearing a mask and washing your hands when you go outside. (Please note we are not requesting you refrain from going outside)
  - ③ If you have any influenza-like symptoms including fever, coughing or other symptoms of the swine influenza, please call the Kobe Fever Consultation Center and proceed to a medical institution in line with their instructions.
  - ④ Those who are pregnant, have diabetes, asthma or any other chronic illness should consult their doctor in advance.
  - ⑤ Those who have been infected with swine influenza will be contacted by phone by the public health centre to inquire as to their health. Those who have influenza may be asked to refrain from going outside so we ask for your understanding and your cooperation in this matter.

**Swine Influenza Notice**

If you have influenza-type symptoms such as fever, cough, joint pains, runny nose, etc., do not go directly to a hospital or clinic. First, please telephone the Fever Consultation Center [Hatsunetsu Sodan Center] (080-6115-9901, interpreting service available 9:00~17:00). If the result of your consultation shows that there is a suspicion of you being infected with the new type (swine) influenza, you will be introduced to a special medical facility for out-patients.