

August 19th, 2021

Dear Parents

Tamba Sasayama City Board of Education

Regarding the implementation of the State of Emergency related to the COVID 19
in Hyogo Prefecture
(As of August 20th, 2021)

We would like to express our sincere gratitude to all parents for their understanding and support for the educational activities of Tamba Sasayama City. We also would like to thank you all for your efforts to prevent the spread of the COVID 19 by washing hands and checking body temperatures at home.

Hyogo Prefecture was designated as a State of Emergency area for COVID 19 on August 17th, 2021. The emergency period is from August 20th to September 12th, 2021. The number of newly infected people is increasing within the jurisdiction of the Tamba Health and Welfare Office, and infections in teens and 20s and in domestic infections is increasing.

At the "Hyogo Prefecture COVID 19 Control Headquarters Meeting" held on August 17, and the "29th COVID 19 Control Headquarters Meeting in Tamba Sasayama City" held on August 19th the preventive measures were decided. In response to the decision, the following measures will be taken at schools from August 20th, 2021 (Friday) till the day the State of Emergency is lifted.

We place top priority on the health and safety of children, and we will endeavor to prevent infection as much as possible at school. We appreciate the understanding and cooperation of all parents.

Please note that changes may occur depending on the situation in the future.

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1. The date of implementation

From Friday August 20th, 2021

2. Applicable facilities

Nursery school, kindergarten, ECEC (Certified centers for Early Childhood Education and Care), elementary schools, junior high schools, special schools, childcare facilities, Children's clubs.

3. Educational activities (The changes are underlined below)

(1) Based on the principle of "Do not bring it into the school or spread it in the school", we will carry out sufficient infection control measures.

Events inside the campus (open schools, school information sessions, class visits, etc.) that attract a large number of people from outside the campus will be postponed or canceled, and athletic festivals will have no spectators. If it is unavoidable, we will remind you of thorough infection control measures such as wearing a mask, disinfecting, and refraining from visiting the school if you are not feeling well. We will take measures such as limiting the number of participants per session and widening the space between seats.

(2) About school trip

The school trip that was planned to be held during the State of Emergency period of Hyogo Prefecture will be postponed until Hyogo Prefecture is excluded from the State of Emergency area. This is based on the situation of rapid spread of infection nationwide and ensuring the health and safety of children and students, as well as the "Basic guidelines for implementing school trips, etc. in the 3rd year of Reiwa" established by the city.

(3) Reinforcing measures against COVID 19 during club activities

After implementing sufficient infection control measures, we will carry out activities while paying attention to the following points.

- The club activities will be held only at your own school* (including the joint team).
- The activity hours shall be within 3 hours on weekdays (4 days) during the summer holidays, and within 2 hours on weekdays (4 days) after the second semester has started, based on the "Tamba Sasayama City Junior High School Club Activity Guidelines," "Lively Athletic Club Activities," and "Policies on the Ideal Way of Cultural Club Activities,"
- Practice games can be held from 3 weeks before the first day of the tournament, and will be held at junior high schools in the Tanyu area (only two schools, your own school and the partner school).

* Except the following: Tournaments listed in the Chutairen schedule, tournaments sponsored by the Central Sports Organization / Cultural Federation (including preliminary matches), and the National Sports Festival (including preliminary matches). When participating, we will confirm the infection prevention measures taken by the organizer and strive to ensure that they are thoroughly implemented.

4. Request to homes

(1) About infection control measures at home

- If your child or family member living with you has a cold symptom such as fever, or if you have a PCR test examinee, please contact the school and do not go to school. (It will be treated as suspension of attendance)

As a general rule, if your child has a fever at the school or if he/she has any abnormal physical condition, he/she will be discharged from school or leave the school, in which case the school will contact the parents.

- If your child or family member living with you is identified as "infected" or "in close contact" or "suspected of being infected", please contact the school immediately.

You may not be able to contact the school at night, on holidays, or on long holidays, in which case please use the contact system using the Internet from a PC, smartphone, etc. Once entered, the information will be delivered to the school.

Contact address: <https://eri.tambasasayama.jp/202012tbs3144/>

- Please refrain from nonessential and nonurgent going out, and try to prevent the spread of infection. Thank you.



(2) About infection control in activities other than schools

- Even if you go to a cram school, sports club, etc., please follow the infection control measures implemented by the business operator, and do not participate if your child

or family has a cold symptom such as fever or if there is a PCR test examinee. When going back and forth between the home and the activity, be sure to wear a mask, avoid eating and drinking at convenience stores, talking, etc., and return home promptly.

5. Contact information

- SNS counselling(16:00~22:00) <https://pref-hyogo.school-sign.jp/>
- Tamba area fever consultation center
0795 -73-3765 (weekdays 9:00~17:30) 079-552-7359 (night time and holidays)
- Hyogo Prefecture COVID 19 Health Counseling Call Center 078-362-9980 (24 hours)