

## Regarding the new strain of Coronavirus

### ■What is the Coronavirus?

The new strain of Coronavirus (COVID-19), first discovered in China in December 2019, is an infectious virus that affects the respiratory system. It is reported to cause coughing, fevers and pneumonia. The virus is transmitted through coughing/sneezing and direct contact with contaminated surfaces.

### ■Please contact a “Coronavirus Consultation Center” if you have any of the below symptoms:

- Cold symptoms and/or a fever above 37.5°C which lasts for 4 days or more (2 days or more for the elderly or those with preexisting health problems.)
- Heavy physical fatigue or trouble breathing

### ■Preventing the Spread of Infection

**Please refrain from going to work or school if you have symptoms such as a fever or cold**

#### Individual actions to prevent infection:

- After going outside, wash your hands
- Disinfect your hands using an alcohol-based disinfectant
- Avoid visiting crowded areas
- Keep rooms at a proper humidity and well ventilated
- Lead a regular lifestyle, and get enough rest
- Eat a balanced diet and drink plenty of fluids



#### Preventing Infection through proper “Coughing Etiquette”

- If you have symptoms of coughing or sneezing, wear a mask
- If you don't have a mask, when you sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or the crook of your elbow

#### Further information on the New Coronavirus in multiple languages

<https://www.pref.akita.lg.jp/pages/archive/47169>



#### Telephone Consultations Regarding the New Coronavirus are available as below:




Contact	Coronavirus Consultation Center	Tel No	018-866-7050
Date/Time	Every day 00:00~24:00	Languages	Japanese

#### It is possible to consult in foreign languages:

Contact	Akita Prefecture Consultation Center for Foreign Residents	Tel No	018-884-7050
Date/Time	Thursday 13:00~15:00	Languages	English · Chinese · Korean

# Wash Your Hands Regularly

Lather with soap and wash your hands as shown below:

<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Before washing</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆Are your nails cut short?</li> <li>◆Have you removed your rings and watch?</li> </ul> <p style="color: blue; font-weight: bold;">Check !</p> 		<p style="text-align: center; color: red; font-weight: bold;">Places where dirt easily remains</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆Finger tips</li> <li>◆Between fingers</li> <li>◆Around the thumb</li> <li>◆Wrist</li> <li>◆Wrinkles on your hand</li> </ul>
<p><b>(1) After creating a lather with the soap, thoroughly wash the palms of your hands</b></p>	<p><b>(2) Wash the back of your hands</b></p>	
		
<p><b>(3) Carefully wash your finger tips and around your nails</b></p>	<p><b>(4) Wash between your fingers</b></p>	
		
<p><b>(5) Wash your thumbs in a twisting action as below</b></p>	<p><b>(6) Don't forget to wash your wrists</b></p>	
		
<p>Rinse the soap off with running water and dry your hands with a clean towel</p>		