コロナウイルス感染への対応へのお願い(2022年1月18日)

ご存じのようにオミクロン株による新型コロナウイルス感染症はこれまでの第1~第5波と異なり、新たな局面を迎えています。今回の第6波の感染者数の増加は、従来の増加率(感染者数/日)をはるかに凌駕し、その感染拡大の早さには、これまで以上の脅威を感じています。今回、重症化するリスクは少ないと言われていますが、オーストラリアの様にこれまで以上の死亡者が出ている国や地域もあります。また、後遺症についても未だ不明だと言われています。

すでに「まん延防止等重点措置」が適用されている県もあり、宮崎県も現在は「感染拡大緊急警報」を発令(1/13(木)~2/2(水)目処)していますが、政府へ「まん延防止等重点措置」の要請の検討を始めています。

宮崎県の今回の感染状況の特徴は

- 新規感染者はほぼ100%オミクロン株による
- ・新規感染者の約半数が20代
- ・ブレイクスルー感染(ワクチン接種者での感染)が増えている

本学でもすでに数名の陽性者が出ており、オンライン授業に切り替えることと致しました。このまま、これ以上の感染増加が持続しますと、国内の生産現場、経済界、流通機関、交通機関はもとより社会全体の事業所・職場が機能低下や機能しなくなる事態が起こります。勿論教育機関も同様です。

各自、最大限の感染対策を行ってください。特に、クラスターの発生状況から見て、食事時での感染が非常に多く、やわずかな時間のマスクなしでの会話、わずかな滞在での喫煙場所、などでも感染が起こっています。

以下を徹底して順守してください

- 1. 対面での食事は禁止
- 2. マスクを付けずにわずかな時間でも会話は禁止
- 3. 対面での喫煙は禁止
- 4. スーパーなどでの買い物では必ず手の消毒
- 5. すべてのイベント開催、部活動は禁止
- 6. 不要な移動(特に多発地域へ)は禁止

また、**少しでも体調異変や風邪の症状が出た場合には外出を控えてください**。そして、近くの病院を受診してください。

受診や相談する医療機関に迷う場合は 宮崎県新型コロナウイルス感染症受診・相談センター TEL: 0985-78-5670 (24 時間対応) に連絡してください。

Request to take Measures against COVID-19 Infections (January 18, 2022)

As you know, COVID-19 infection caused by the Omicron strain has entered a new phase, the one not seen with the previous waves. The increase in the number of infected people in the ongoing 6th wave far surpasses the previous rate of increase (number of infected people/day), and the rapid spread of the disease is more threatening than ever before. Although the risk of serious illness is said to be low this time, there are countries and regions like Australia where there have been more deaths than ever before. It is also said that the after-effects are still unknown.

Some prefectures have already adopted "Priority Measures to Prevent the Spread of Infection", and Miyazaki Prefecture has also issued an "Emergency Alert for the Spread of the Disease" (from Thursday, January 13 to Wednesday, February 2), and has begun to consider requesting the government to take "Priority Measures to Prevent the Spread of Infection.

The characteristics of the latest infection situation in Miyazaki Prefecture are as follows:

- Almost 100% of new infections are caused by the Omicron variant.
- · About half of the newly infected people are in their 20's.
- The number of breakthrough infections (infections among vaccinated people) is increasing.

We have already had several positive cases at MIC, and have decided to switch to online classes. If the number of infections continues to increase, there will be a situation in which not only domestic production sites, economic sectors, distribution institutions, and transportation facilities, but also business establishments and workplaces in society as a whole will become dysfunctional. The same applies to educational institutions, of course.

Please take the utmost measures to prevent getting infected. In particular, judging from the cluster outbreaks, there are many cases of infection at mealtime, conversations without masks for a short period of time, being at smoking areas for a short period of time, and so on.

The following must be strictly observed:

- 1. Do not eat face-to-face.
- 2. Do not talk without a mask, even for a short period.
- 3. Do not smoke face-to-face with other people.
- 4. Always disinfect your hands when in shops, including supermarkets.
- 5. All events and club activities are prohibited.
- 6. Do not travel unnecessarily (especially to areas where the number of cases is high).

If you notice any changes in your health or have symptoms of a cold, please refrain from going out. And please seek medical advice.

If you are in doubt about which medical center to go to for consultation, please contact the Miyazaki Prefecture COVID-19 Infection Consultation Center at 0985-78-5670 (available 24 hours a day).