

# "Foot-and-Mouth Disease" State of Emergency Declared

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Responding to the "Foot-and-Mouth Disease" outbreak in Miyazaki Prefecture, the nation, prefecture, municipalities and numerous agricultural organizations have been collaborating their efforts in working to prevent the spread of this epidemic; however, as of now the diffusion of this outbreak has yet to be stopped.

Given this current state of affairs, it proves impossible for us to negate the possibility of not only the catastrophic consequences facing our own prefecture's livestock, but furthermore the potential devastation of livestock in neighboring prefectures, the entirety of Kyushu, and even Japan as a whole.

Therefore, a state of emergency regarding this epidemic has been decreed as the combined efforts of all institutions, organizations, and individuals within Miyazaki work towards putting an end to any further transmission of this disease. In order to stop the spread of foot-and-mouth disease while in its early stages, we are moving to enact the following measures as expeditiously as possible.

While this time around we have not seen any signs of infection in humans, please understand that we have nonetheless planned measures accordingly in knowing that diffusion of the disease from people to cloven-hoofed animals is a possibility.

We ask that the entirety of our prefecture's citizenry grasp the severity of these circumstances, as measures to be initiated from here on out are bound to have a great effect on everyday life within Miyazaki. Your understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

## **1) Thorough Implementation of Anti-Transmission Preventive Measures in Areas with Suspected Outbreaks (including both the suspected area and surrounding areas)**

### A) Imperative Requests of Livestock Farming Households

- 1) Abstain from going outdoors, both within and outside your particular municipality, unless absolutely necessary. We ask that you especially avoid any and all contact with other livestock farms.
- 2) Implement necessary anti-transmission countermeasures including the thorough sterilization of all livestock, barns, feed, and farming vehicles in addition to setting up disinfection basins for people to sterilize their feet.
- 3) Abstain from entering barns and farmyard facilities - if you must enter said facilities, we encourage you to wear a mask, wash your hands and feet (using a 10-fold dilution of vinegar (3%-5%) has proven effective) both before and after entering, and gargle.

**B) Requests of Individuals Unaffiliated with Livestock Farming Households**

- 1) Abstain from going outdoors unless absolutely necessary; in particular, avoid visiting livestock farms.
- 2) When traveling by vehicle - ordinary vehicles included - be sure to have said vehicle disinfected at a designated intra-tubular sterilization point.
- 3) Postpone any events, competitions, or gatherings scheduled for the immediate future. If holding a given event is unavoidable, take all necessary measures to prevent any further spread of the disease, including disinfection of attendees at entrances and exits.

**2) Anti-Transmission Preventive Measures in Unaffected Areas**

**A) Recommendations for Livestock Farming Households**

- 1) Thoroughly sterilize all livestock, barns, feed, etc.
- 2) Keep from visiting affected areas; especially avoid any and all contact with livestock farms.
- 3) Abstain from contact with members of livestock farming households, even in areas unaffected by the outbreak.

**B) Requests of Individuals Unaffiliated with Livestock Farming Households**

- 1) When traveling by vehicle - ordinary vehicles included - be sure to have said vehicle disinfected at a designated sterilization point.
- 2) Whenever possible, postpone events, competitions, etc. where large crowds are expected to gather. When holding events, take all necessary measures to prevent any further spread of the disease, including disinfection of attendees at entrances and exits.

**3) Mutual Matters of Concern**

**A) Be Thorough in Implementing Sterilization Measures at Public Facilities**

Sterilization measures, such as laying out disinfecting mats at public facilities, retail shops, schools, and other places where crowds gather, are recommended.

**B) Matters of Concern for Families**

We encourage all individuals to wash their hands and feet, as well as gargle.