

Notice regarding “Work Restrictions Based on the Infectious Diseases Act”

Kagawa Prefecture

It has been reported to the public health center by your doctor that you have been diagnosed with tuberculosis (TB).

Due to the risk of spreading TB, there are restrictions on engaging in the service industry and other jobs that involve contact with a large number of people.

Jobs subject to work restrictions and their duration

- ◇ Work restrictions notices are issued to patients with infectious diseases to ensure that they refrain from engaging in certain jobs for a certain period of time in order to prevent the spread of infection to others through work.
- ◇ Work restrictions related to TB apply to **“the service industry and other jobs that involve contact with a large number of people.”** Work restrictions do not apply to specific types of jobs; rather, if the work falls under “other jobs that involve contact with a large number of people,” it is subject to restrictions.

Work restrictions notices are also sent to those who are not currently employed in order to prevent them from working in “the service industry or other jobs that involve contact with a large number of people” during the period of work restrictions.

- ◇ The period of work restrictions due to TB is **“until the person no longer carries pathogens or until the symptoms have disappeared.”**

Please note that you will not be able to engage in “other jobs that involve contact with a large number of people” until you meet the following criteria.

- ◇ If you violate these restrictions, you will be subject to a fine of up to 500,000 yen.
- ◇ If you are dissatisfied with this disposition, you can file a request for review with the Governor of Kagawa Prefecture within three months from the day following the date you became aware of this disposition, and you can file a lawsuit to revoke the disposition within six months, naming Kagawa Prefecture as the defendant.

Criteria for lifting work restrictions

- (1) Those who need to be hospitalized when starting treatment
Until it has been confirmed that the person has three consecutive negative results in sputum culture tests conducted on different days
However, the third test may be a nucleic acid amplification test.
 - (2) Those who do not need to be hospitalized when starting treatment
Until it has been confirmed that the person has two consecutive negative results in sputum culture or nucleic acid amplification tests conducted on different days after more than two weeks of standard chemotherapy
- ◆ **You will be notified in writing if your work restrictions have been lifted.**

To confirm that you are no longer subject to work restrictions

- ◇ During the period of work restrictions, you may request the director of the public health center to confirm that you are no longer subject to work restrictions.
- ◇ After receiving a request for confirmation, the director of the public health center will check your test results, etc., and confirm whether or not you are no longer subject to work restrictions. (For confirmation, the director may ask you to undergo a specified test.)

* Infectious Diseases Act: Act on the Prevention of Infectious Diseases and Medical Care for Patients with Infectious Diseases

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