

## **For people who are planning to visit Kozushima Island**

Kozushima Island has been designated by the International Dark-Sky Association as an International Dark Sky Island on 1<sup>st</sup> December 2020.

We hope that this will drive more people to visit us not only during the summer high season when you can enjoy activities in and around the beautiful sea, but also for the other seasons when every aspect of Kozushima's nature can be enjoyed.

However, we have been facing the need to change the way in which we welcome guests, since it is impossible to foresee when the COVID-19 pandemic will be contained.

We've decided on the following policy and measures, so that visitors will feel safe to visit us even under the current circumstances.

# The tourism policy of Kozushima Island in response to the

## COVID-19 pandemic

Levels of restraint	Conditions
<b>Restraint level - severe</b>	We request tourists to <u>refrain from coming to Kozushima Island, unless they are urgently required to,</u> while a state of emergency is declared and <u>business is suspended at the request of both Tokyo and national government.</u>
<b>Restraint level - caution</b>	We accept visitors <u>with conditions</u> until a declaration of safety is issued.  OR...  The number of new COVID-19 cases nationwide stays at <u>less than 100 per day.</u>  The conditions are subject to change depending on circumstances.  Please keep yourself posted with the latest information.
<b>Restraint level - lifted</b>	When <u>a declaration of safety is issued</u> by both Tokyo and national government, we will <u>lift our restraint request completely and accept visitors without conditions.</u>

## An update of the restraint levels and conditions on

### Kozushima Island

#### ● About “Restraint level – caution” and conditions requested as of

7<sup>th</sup> February, 2021

We are accepting visitors with conditions below since a state of emergency has been declared again.

1	<b>Accommodation has to be booked and confirmed by the day before your arrival.</b> You will not be able to find lodgings on the day of arrival. In which case, it will be assumed that you are on a day trip.
2	<u>Due to the limited opening hours and menu options for food &amp; beverage vendors on the island, breakfast and dinner at your accommodation will have to be arranged/ordered beforehand.</u> (“Shidashi-bento”, packed meals prepared and delivered to your accommodation by caterer, is acceptable)
3	Make sure that you haven’t exhibited any symptoms (fever, fatigue, no sense of taste, nor smell etc.) for at least two weeks prior to departure.
4	<u>We strongly request that groups of 5 or more people refrain from coming to the island.</u>
5	Please strictly adhere to the following guidelines: ·Always wash your hands thoroughly and use hand sanitizer often. Make sure to wear a mask in public. Maintain social distancing and avoid enclosed spaces. Do not form crowds.

- On Kozushima Island, campsites are closed at present, and sleeping outside is prohibited by bylaw.
- The regulations and rules of the village have to be followed strictly.
- Bear in mind the vulnerability of the island’s health service.
- Refrain from going out after 8pm. (during a state of emergency)

● **About “Restraint level – caution” and conditions requested as of**

**21<sup>st</sup> March, 2021**

As of today, the state of emergency has been lifted. However, as explained in “The tourism policy of Kozushima Island in response to the COVID-19 pandemic”, **we will keep “Restraint level – caution”**. Be aware that some conditions have changed. Please check the revised conditions below.

1	<p><b>Accommodation has to be booked and confirmed by the day before your arrival.</b></p> <p>You will not be able to find lodgings on the day of arrival. In which case, it will be assumed that you are on a day trip.</p>
2	<p>Some of the food &amp; beverage vendors on the island have limited menu options and/or have modified their opening hours. Please check opening times or book restaurants in advance.</p>
3	<p>Make sure that you haven’t exhibited any symptoms (fever, fatigue, no sense of</p>

	taste, nor smell etc.) for at least two weeks prior to departure.
4	<p>We request that groups of 5 or more people refrain from coming to the island.</p> <p><u>However, this condition does not apply to people who live together in the same residence.</u></p> <p><u>*Please contact your accommodation provider or KOZU island tourist association if a party of 5 or more people is desired.</u></p>
5	<p>Please strictly adhere to the following guidelines:</p> <hr/> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Always wash your hands thoroughly and use hand sanitizer often. Make sure to wear a mask in public. Maintain social distancing and avoid enclosed spaces. Do not form crowds.</li> <li>•On Kozushima Island, campsites are closed at present, and sleeping outside is prohibited by bylaw.</li> </ul> <p>NOTE: Night fishing will not be accepted as a reason for not securing accommodation.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•Regulations and rules of the village have to be followed strictly.</li> <li>•Bear in mind the vulnerability of the island's health service.</li> </ul>

\*Notes: These conditions are subject to change. Please keep yourself posted with the latest information.

Like many other places, the Islands' lifestyle changed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. It will take time until the Corona virus is brought under control and managed similar to that of a seasonal virus, such as the flu.

Meanwhile, we would like to continue accepting visitors under the outlined levels of restraint and

their associated conditions. We are sorry for the inconvenience that this new way of welcoming guests may cause. We ask for your understanding and cooperation in these difficult times.