

To the residents of Kyoto Prefecture

I would like to express my sincere gratitude towards our medical staff who, as the infection continues to spread, are working day and night to protect the lives of everyone in the prefecture. I would also like to extend my thanks to the residents and businesses of the prefecture for cooperating with the countermeasures that we have implemented to help stop the spread of the infection.

With everyone's cooperation, the pace of infection has gradually begun to level off from its original stage of rapid expansion, but the number of infected people is still extremely high and the burden upon our health care system is still heavy. Furthermore, with occurrences such as the reissuing of a state of emergency and various priority countermeasures to stem the speed of the infection, the situation continually proves to be unpredictable.

In order to best protect the citizens of the prefecture, we have decided that it was necessary to further reduce the number of infected people and to do so we will continue implementing emergency measures.

This will undoubtedly prove to be a heavy burden for both the citizens and businesses of the prefecture, but we sincerely ask for your continued understanding and cooperation in order to prevent as much loss of life as we can.

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