

Governor's message to the residents of the prefecture

April 8th, 2020

11th meeting of the Kyoto Prefecture Novel Coronavirus Infection Taskforce

To all residents of Kyoto Prefecture, right now, the risks for infection that have been lurking all around us have been made abundantly clear. With the exception of visiting medical facilities, going out to buy groceries, commuting to work, and other necessary outings for every-day life, we ask you to avoid areas where conditions for the three Cs overlap, closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact settings, by asking for your self-restraint in avoiding any unnecessary and non-urgent outings. In particular, we strongly ask for your cooperation in not undertaking any unnecessary or non-urgent travel to the areas that are now under the current declaration of a state of emergency. Also, we ask for your cooperation in avoiding dinner outings, events, and other such gatherings with large numbers of people.

To the universities of the prefecture, whilst maintaining a point of contact with your students we once again ask for your cooperation in the temporary postponement of classes from now until the golden week period. Also, to students in higher education, we strongly request your compliance in our request to avoid taking part in social gatherings, parties for new students, and other similar events.

To business owners, with regards to employees who are commuting from areas under the declaration of a state of emergency, we once again ask that you request these employees to take their temperature each day before travelling to work, to wear a mask, etc., and we also ask for you to encourage flextime and other similar measures.

For the safety of all residents in Kyoto Prefecture, we are devoting all of our energy in tirelessly working towards the cooperation between the nation, municipalities, and related organizations in order to prevent the spread of infection. To residents of the prefecture as well, we are causing you a great inconvenience in our requests, but for the sake of protecting everyone's health, and indeed their lives, we ask for your cooperation in preventing the spread of infection.