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Request to the residents of Kyoto Prefecture

Thanks to the efforts of many people, including those from medical institutions as well as the cooperation of the Prefecture's residents and businesses, the state of emergency related to the novel coronavirus infection was lifted on May 21st, 2020.

However, in Kyoto Prefecture, new cases of patients infected with the coronavirus have been continuously identified since June 25th, 2020, and an additional four cases of the infection were confirmed today in the Prefecture. As a result, we have progressed to our "standard alert level" in Kyoto Prefecture.

In order to balance both preventing the spread of the infection, and promoting social and economic activities, we would like to remind the residents of the Prefecture, once again, to be fully aware of the infection risks that are always lurking nearby. We would like to ask for your cooperation, especially regarding the following points:

1. Practicing of a new lifestyle

For residents of the Prefecture, please implement measures regarding the "new lifestyle", including the three basics for the prevention of infection, 1) securing physical distance, 2) wearing a mask, and 3) washing hands. For business operators, please promote efforts to reduce contact with people by practicing the "new style of work" such as teleworking and staggered working hours.

2. Thorough implementation of the guidelines on the infection prevention

Kyoto Prefecture has established a subsidy program for small and medium sized companies to support small-scale businesses, self-employed workers, and small and medium sized companies who will restart their businesses in response to the "new lifestyle". We would like those business operators to utilize this support program. Once again, we request you to follow the guidelines on preventing the spread of infection and to thoroughly implement infection control measures.

3. Prevention of the spread of infection by utilizing ICT

The operation of "COVID-19 Contact-Confirming Application (COCOA)" of the national government started from June 19th. From July 1st, Kyoto Prefecture will start a service called the "Novel Coronavirus Emergency Contact Service of Kyoto Prefecture". This service will inform you of the history of your possible contact with infected persons on occasions such as visiting a shop or attending an event, via email notification. Please utilize this service which is designed to help you to confirm whether you have come into contact with an infected person.

Together with the national government, local municipalities, medical institutions, and the like, we as Kyoto Prefecture will do our utmost to balance preventing the spread of infection and promoting socio-economic activities for the safety and security of all residents. We ask for the continued understanding and cooperation of all the people in the Prefecture.

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