

## Request for the declaration of a state of emergency

The novel coronavirus infection is spreading rapidly all around the globe, and in our country too we have had 7 prefectures, Saitama, Chiba, Tokyo, Kanagawa, Osaka, Hyogo, and Fukuoka declare a state of emergency as of April 7<sup>th</sup>.

During this time, our doctors, nurses, and public health care officials have been working day and night in order to carry out the examination and treatment of patients, but despite this the number of infections in Kyoto Prefecture has increased by 1.8 times since last week, and the number of cases per 10,000 people has reached the fifth largest in the country. In particular, in this past week the number of infected people whose infection routes we cannot trace has increased from 9 people to 30 people, which is a severe situation if we compare it to the 7 prefectures currently under a state of emergency.

Under these conditions, in Kyoto Prefecture and Kyoto City, in order to prevent the greater spread of infections we have submitted a request to the central government to include Kyoto under the state of emergency.

To all residents of Kyoto Prefecture, and of Kyoto City, we would like you all to once again be made aware of the risk of infection that lurks around us all right now, and in order to protect your friends, family, and those close to you we once again ask for your cooperation particularly with regards to the following points.

(To everyone in Kyoto Prefecture, Kyoto City)

To everyone in Kyoto Prefecture and Kyoto city, we once again ask you to avoid areas where conditions for the three Cs overlap, closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact setting.

Further to this, 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 for your restraint in going out. In particular we request that you avoid unnecessary and non-urgent travel to any of the 7 prefectures currently under a state of emergency.

Also, we ask for your restraint in attending dinner outings with large numbers of people, places where more than 10 people gather, events, and other similar outings.

On the other hand, we would like to ask for your restraint in the unnecessary and non-urgent stocking of food and every day goods in order to be considerate of everyone.

(To Universities and University students)

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, during the period when your schools are closed, 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 of the prefecture)

To the business of the prefecture, with regards to your employees, we ask that you request your employees to take their temperature each day before travelling to work, and to disseminate information about preventing infection at home.

In addition to this, we request that you allow your employees to adopt flextime, telework and other similar measures, and we also ask that you implement the wearing of masks, the disinfecting of door handles, hand rails, and other similar objects in order to thoroughly prevent the spread of infection in the workplace.

Also, please take measures to ensure that the sudden increase of prices in goods, the cornering of the market for certain items, the restriction of sales for certain goods, and other such similar practices that would interference with daily life in the prefecture do not take place.

For the safety of all residents of Kyoto prefecture and Kyoto city, we, Kyoto Prefecture and Kyoto City, are continuously devoting all our energy in working towards the cooperation between the central government and medical organizations in order to prevent the further spread of infection.

April 10<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Kyoto Prefectural Governor, NISHIWAKI Takatoshi

Kyoto City Mayor, KADOKAWA Daisaku