A Message from the Mayor of Izumo City Concerning COVID-19 Cases at a Prefectural Facility Within the City

To the people of Izumo City

On August 13th, Matsue City announced that two new cases of novel coronavirus (COVID-19) have been confirmed.

According to the press release, the two patients are both students connected to the cluster at a senior high school in Matsue City. Because they tested negative for the virus on the first exam, they had been moved from the student dorms to a prefectural facility located within Izumo City where they were undergoing medical observation.

This incident is linked to the cluster that emerged in Matsue City.

Because cases have been confirmed in people who were admitted into a facility within our city, I think there are city residents among us who are feeling concerned. However, we believe that this is not a situation where the infection is spreading within our city, as the prefecture and staff of the senior high school are carrying out proper infection prevention measures at the facility.

Additionally, the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare’s Cluster Intervention Group is currently advising and offering guidance in efforts to clarify the source and the infection route of the cluster in Matsue City.

As for our city, we ask that all residents continue to cooperate in thoroughly practicing basic prevention measures by wearing a mask, washing hands, and avoiding situations with the 3 C’s (closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact situations). We also ask again that all city residents exercise careful judgement and act with composure based on reliable information from prefectural and municipal governments, being wary of false information and rumors.

Although we have entered the O-bon holiday season, we furthermore ask that you please restrain yourself from traveling outside the prefecture to places where infection is spreading, and from dining and drinking in large groups, to the best of your ability.

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Mayor of Izumo City
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