

A Message from the Mayor of Izumo City Concerning COVID-19

-A request for those who have visited Soba Tanakaya-

To the people of Izumo City

On February 9th, Shimane Prefecture announced that 2 new cases of novel coronavirus have been confirmed. These are the 277th and 278th cases within the prefecture, and the 45th and 46th cases in Izumo City.

These patients are employees of Soba Tanakaya in Taisha-chō. Persons who have been to this shop between February 3rd and February 8th and have symptoms, or are concerned that they have been infected, please contact the Shimane Novel Coronavirus Disease Health Consultation Call Center (*shingata corona uirusu kansenshō kenkō sōdan cōru sentā*) (0853-24-7017). This number is for consultation in Japanese only. For support in other languages, please see the attached fliers.

The Izumo Health Center is currently carrying out an investigation tracing the patients' movements and confirming persons who have been in close contact with them. More cases are expected to be found. The Izumo City government will continue working together with the prefecture in a comprehensive system to gather accurate information and to prevent the spread of infection.

Novel coronavirus is a disease that can affect anyone, at any time, in any place. We cannot know who will end up infected. Publicly identifying infected patients, acts of slander and libel, and other such behaviors can cause reluctance to get tested, and make people hesitate to provide correct information to the Health Center for tracing movement and contacts. This causes great difficulty in preventing the spread of the virus, so we urge you not to engage in these behaviors.

We ask that all residents act with composure based on information from reliable sources such as the prefecture and the city, and continue to thoroughly practice basic prevention measures by wearing a mask, washing your hands, and avoiding situations with the 3 C's (closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact situations).

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