

A Message from the Mayor of Izumo City Concerning COVID-19: A case confirmed within the city

To the people of Izumo City,

On April 17th, Shimane Prefecture announced that 1 new case of novel coronavirus has been confirmed. It is a variant virus infection. This is the 297th case within the prefecture, and the 49th case in Izumo City.

The patient's contacts have already been identified, so I ask that you remain calm.

The country faces a very difficult situation, as highly contagious COVID-19 variants have been spreading rapidly, and on April 20th, "semi-state of emergency coronavirus measures" will be implemented across 10 prefectures.

As we prepare for the upcoming long holiday, we can expect people to move around more and to have more chances to gather in large numbers, as they travel and engage in leisure activities.

I ask that all city residents remind themselves of the following matters, and to be thorough in stopping the spread of infection.

1 Travel Between Prefectures

- (1) Please refrain from traveling to and from regions that are implementing semi-state of emergency coronavirus measures.**
- (2) In circumstances where travel to these regions is unavoidable due to work, job hunting, funeral services, nursing or long-term care, etc., there is no need to refrain unless you are experiencing symptoms such as fever. Please think very carefully about your decision to travel.**

2 Thoroughness in Infection Prevention Measures

- (1) To protect your household and workplace from infection,**

- ① **Avoid "the 3 C's"**
- ② **Keep physical distance from other people**
- ③ **Wear a mask**
- ④ **Wash your hands and maintain good hygiene**

and continue to practice basic infection prevention measures.

From here on, we at City Hall will work in unison to respond to novel coronavirus, and we humbly ask for all city residents to cooperate in protecting themselves from infection.

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