

A Message from the Mayor of Izumo City Concerning COVID-19
~On the Occasion of Cancelling the “Ganbarō Izumo” Fireworks Show~

To the people of Izumo City,

First and foremost, I would like to express my deepest sympathies to all of those affected by July’s floods and by Typhoon No. 9.

My message today is about a fireworks show called “Ganbarō Izumo,” planned for August 14th in lieu of this year’s Izumo Shinwa Matsuri, as a display of encouragement for all city residents. Bearing in mind the state of the COVID-19 pandemic, I am truly saddened to announce that the show has been cancelled. Thank you sincerely for your understanding of this matter.

This decision comes as COVID-19 continues to spread throughout the nation, due in part to the highly infectious Delta variant.

I urge all city residents to take extra care during the O-bon holiday season, amidst increased opportunities for contact with others. Avoid “the 3 C’s” (closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact situations), wear a mask, and continue to practice basic infection prevention measures such as thorough handwashing. Echoing the request from Shimane Prefecture, I ask you to carefully consider the consequences of your decisions if you plan to travel between prefectures during the O-bon holiday period.

In conclusion, I am once again asking for your continued efforts to help prevent the spread of infection, for the sake of protecting not only your own health, but also the health of your family, and the lives of all those important to you.

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