

A Message from the Mayor of Izumo City Concerning COVID-19 For the Coexistence of Economic Activity and Infection Prevention

To the people of Izumo City,

As June began, the number of COVID-19 infections started to decrease as well. There has, however, been yet another upward turn.

As such, I would like to express my heartfelt request to all of our residents.

Based on the COVID-19 situation of the whole country, the request to avoid travel between prefectures has been lifted in Shimane Prefecture this month. Restrictions regarding the number of people at restaurants was lifted on June 9th as well.

Tourist spots have been popular, and restaurants are regaining their liveliness in Izumo City. This is a joyful occasion as we have turned the tide towards living with COVID-19.

For economic activity and infection prevention to coexist, the importance of continued adherence to thorough infection prevention measures cannot be stressed enough.

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and severe cases from developing, please get vaccinated.

Currently, 61% of Izumo City's residents have received 3 shots. Vaccinations are set to end on September 30. Those who wish to get vaccinated should do so at their earliest convenience.

Reservations for the 4th shot have also begun. Please make a reservation once you receive a vaccination coupon.

I ask all city residents to thoroughly monitor their health at home, at work, and at school.

If you have a fever or cold symptoms, or your condition seems different from usual, please take time off from work or school and arrange a medical examination.

To protect ourselves, our families, and the people dear to us, we must all commit to neither becoming infected nor infecting others, and take thorough infection prevention measures such as washing hands, wearing a mask, frequent ventilation, and disinfection.

On the other hand, promoting economic activities such as travel and restaurants is necessary as well. We are planning to implement various economic measures this summer to regain the liveliness of our region, while simultaneously adhering to thorough infection prevention measures.

I humbly ask all city residents and businesses for their continued understanding and cooperation. Let us work together for a city that does not lose to COVID-19.

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