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Request to the residents of Kyoto Prefecture

In Kyoto Prefecture, the number of infected individuals since the middle of June has exceeded 400, and in addition, the weekly average for the number of newly infected persons exceeded 20 people on July 29th, prompting notification of a special warning status.

We ask all members of the prefecture, both citizens and business operators, to once again be wary of the infection risks that are lurking nearby in your daily lives, and we ask for your particular cooperation with regards to the following points:

【In order to use restaurants with peace of mind】

Approximately half of newly infected individuals after mid-June can be traced back to eating and drinking opportunities. All restaurants serving alcoholic beverages are required to comply with our infection prevention guidelines, and all patrons are requested to follow “Kyoto’s 5 Rules” when it comes to dining and drinking events:

- ① Avoid large crowds
- ② Limit the time to less than 2 hours
- ③ Refrain from late night use
- ④ Visit only guideline compliant stores
- ⑤ Check-in using “Kokotoro”, the Kyoto Prefecture emergency contact service

In particular, many infections have occurred during the eating and drinking opportunities of university students. Before the start of the second semester, we implore you to thoroughly implement “Kyoto’s 5 Rules” in order to live a safe student life with peace of mind.

【To prevent the infection of high risk persons】

We ask for your careful consideration in preventing the infection of the elderly, and those with pre-existing conditions (lung disease, diabetes, immunodeficiency, etc.) as they are most at risk of developing serious illness:

- ① Refrain from visiting medical institutions, social welfare facilities, etc. to meet with patients, users, etc.
- ② Elderly people, and those with pre-existing conditions, etc., should refrain from visiting crowded areas, or areas known for high infections.
- ③ Younger people, who are often asymptomatic, should follow infection prevention measures to best limit the possibility of infection when contacting with elderly people.

【To prevent the spread of infection】

Infections where the route of infection is unknown are also on the rise. As a result, we

request that all citizens and businesses do their utmost to thoroughly prevent infections.

- ① Make sure to implement all the aspects of the “new normal lifestyle”, which involves the three fundamentals of maintaining social distancing, wearing a mask, washing your hands, and alongside avoiding areas with the 3Cs. Furthermore, if you have a fever, a cough, any kind of abnormality in your throat and a lack of taste or smell, then please refrain from going out.
- ② We ask for business establishments to implement new ways of working, such as working from home, telework, staggered working hours, and so forth. We also request that employees do their best to prevent infections during eating and drinking opportunities.

The Kyoto Prefectural Government and the Kyoto Prefectural Assembly will continue to collaborate with all municipalities in the prefecture, and with medical institutions and the like to further expand the number of hospital beds, and the number of available accommodation facilities for medical care. We will also carry out saliva tests by 280 family doctors within the prefecture in order to prevent the further spread of the infection. We ask all residents of the prefecture for their continued understanding and cooperation in these endeavors.

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