

Medical crisis which reached to the situation as if in the natural disaster

【Hospitals treating covid-19 patients who are in serious conditions】

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1. The Fifth wave of covid-19 has rapidly spread in Kyoto Prefecture. This has resulted in the state of emergency declaration on August 20<sup>th</sup>. Governor Nishiwaki has described the situation as a crisis of natural disaster. If it continues as is, there may be a possibility that patients at home will not be able to receive medical treatment, resulting in the loss of life - as it happened in the Kansai area in the third and fourth wave last spring.

2. To cope with this crisis, hospitals treating serious covid-19 conditions, have to utilize their ICU at maximum capacity preventing medical professionals from undertaking procedures such as cardiovascular surgery, liver and lung transplants, esophageal cancer surgery, anti-cancer therapy and other invasive procedures. All these operations require use of ICUs and cannot take place unless there is a dire, critical need for it.

3. There are cases of many ambulances not being able to transport patients to hospitals. This limits access to stroke and cardiovascular disease patients in need of seeing medical personnel or accessing the hospitals.

4. **【A plea to all Kyoto Prefecture residents】**

In order to save lives, please refrain from eating with multiple people (indoors and outdoors), having conversations without wearing masks and other activities that may cause the spread of covid-19. Please exercise behaviour which will keep you and your loved ones safe.

Infections in department stores and supermarkets are rising. These places were previously assumed to be low risk areas for infection. On August 20th, The National Governors' Association sent in a request to the government to issue a lock down. The only way to stop the spread of infection is to minimize human contact as much as possible.

As the chair of the government's covid-19 advisory committee, Shigeru Omi, suggested, we have to minimize the flow of people to the level of what it was during the first state of emergency last year. This will reduce the current rate of infection.

Please refrain from inessential outings as far as possible. Thank you for your cooperation.