

~Message from the Mayor~ Novel Coronavirus Countermeasures

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Citizens of Imizu, on April 16<sup>th</sup> the government issues a national emergency declaration designated April 17<sup>th</sup> to May 6<sup>th</sup> as the period when emergency measures should be taken. In response to this, the governor of Toyama Prefecture has requested that citizens voluntarily refrain from leaving home and from traveling to and from the prefecture, and that companies move to telecommuting and working on a staggered schedule.

Here in the city we have closed elementary schools and junior high schools, closed public facilities etc., and have received cooperation from citizens in refraining from meetings and events.

I apologize for any inconvenience, but I ask for your understanding and cooperation in order to safeguard the lives of yourself and your family. Especially during the period of the emergency declaration, I ask you to refrain from going out unnecessarily, to follow the basics of infection prevention, and to avoid the 3 Cs: closed spaces, crowded places, and close-contact settings.

While I understand that everyone is anxious and concerned about the novel coronavirus, I ask for a calm response of “reasonable understanding, reasonable fear” based on the information issued by the prefecture and the city. I also strongly urge you not to discriminate based on misunderstandings or prejudice.

Let’s work together as a city to overcome this difficult situation.