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A Message from the Governor of Okayama Prefecture

- This is a message from IBARAGI Ryuta, governor of Okayama Prefecture.
- As of May 14, the state of emergency no longer applies to Okayama Prefecture. I would like to express my gratitude to our citizens for cooperating by limiting their outings, avoiding the Three C's (Closed Spaces, Crowded Places, Close-contact Settings), refraining from hosting events, and implementing proper preventative measures.
- However, letting our guard down at this point would cause another outbreak, making our efforts up until now futile. Since there are still prefectures that are under special security, I have decided that for the time being, it would be best to maintain the policies that we have kept up until now.
- Throughout this month, I would like to request for all citizens of Okayama to refrain from any movement outside of the prefecture and to absolutely avoid any locations where more than one of the Three C's can occur.
- I would also like to request to each person for practicing the "New Lifestyle", basic infection prevention measures such as wearing a mask while you are out, and keeping physical distance from others.

- In regards to showing up for work, I would like for workplaces to continue implementing initiatives for limiting close contact, such as working from home or staggering working times whenever possible. Please thoroughly implement all measures for preventing the spread of disease within the workplace.
- As we have done up until now, we request for establishments that will continue operation to carry out appropriate prevention measures and avoid the Three C's. In particular, with reports of clusters in other prefectures and the high risk of serious cases, we strongly request for elderly welfare establishments to thoroughly carry out prevention measures.
- In order to balance socioeconomic activity and disease prevention measures, it is necessary for us to carefully and gradually reconvene activity while observing the status of infection within the prefecture.
- We would like for the residents of Okayama Prefecture to carefully conduct themselves for the time being. By all means, we would like for your cooperation and understanding, in order to protect our lives and the lives of those surrounding us.