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A Message from the Governor

- This is a message from IBARAGI Ryuta, governor of Okayama Prefecture.
- Within this past week, there have been 13 new confirmed cases of COVID-19, and we have also confirmed our first cluster that occurred from reception at a food and drink establishment.
- On a national scale, there have also been continuous confirmation of infection cases stemming from customer service at host clubs and cabaret bars.
- With the understanding that COVID-19 has many cases of younger individuals showing very slight symptoms or no symptoms at all and infecting others without them noticing, the disease spreading to senior citizens or those with pre-existing illnesses is a very worrisome matter.
- Due to this, we would like to make three further requests for cooperation to citizens of Okayama in order to further prevent the spread of disease.
- First, in the event that you are worried that you may have had direct contact with an infected person, or in the event that you have even the slightest fever or sore throat, we ask that you immediately consult with the nearest COVID-19 consultation center at once.
- Next, most younger individuals will be infected without showing any symptoms. For those who live in the same household as senior citizens, or those who have a chance to be in contact with senior citizens, please conduct yourselves in an especially careful manner.

- Lastly, every individual is at risk of being infected with COVID-19. In order to protect our families and loved ones around us, I would like for all residents of Okayama to register to COCOA, a contact confirming application.
- By all means, we ask for our residents' understanding and cooperation, in order to protect your own lives as well as the lives of those around us.