

A Message from Date City's Mayor (May 14th)

The emergency declaration made on April 16th has since been expanded to include all prefectures. We apologize for the inconvenience to citizens and business owners as we ask that you continue to refrain from traveling, reserving facilities, or hosting events. Thank you for your cooperation with the measures taken to prevent the spread of infection so far.

“Although there has been a notable decrease in the number of new patients infected with coronavirus, it is possible that the disease will expand again, causing further strain on the medical system.” For this reason, on May 4th it was announced that the state of emergency, based on the Act on Special Measures for New Strains of Influenza, etc., would be extended, in all prefectures, from May 7th to May 31st.

In coordination with this, the city will continue to restrict the use of city-owned facilities and will extend the closure of middle schools, elementary schools, and kindergartens. We apologize for the continued inconvenience this will cause everyone who has cooperated thus far but we would like to ask again for your help in preventing new cases of infection.

It is thought that we will be dealing with the new coronavirus for an extended period of time. For us to be prepared for the long term, we need to adopt a “new lifestyle” that will prevent the further spread of infection. Specifically; wear a mask when going out; keep a space of 2m between yourself and others; employ careful handwashing; avoid the three C's; go shopping when there are less people; avoid conversing on public transport; etc. It is necessary that we adopt infection control measures that change our usual lifestyles.

Taking the proper steps to prevent infection will serve to protect you and your loved ones.