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Governor's Message to Hyogo citizens and Hyogo-based business operators:
Preventing a possible second wave of COVID-19 infections

Since a new case of COVID-19 was confirmed in Hyogo Prefecture for the first time in 34 days on June 19, twenty-one cases have been reported as of July 8. It has been confirmed that many of these cases derived from travels to/from Tokyo and Osaka; however, regarding approximately 20% of the patients, we have not been able to specify their infection routes.

As more and more people are traveling around the country, we must maintain a high level of precaution in order to prevent the spread of infections. I strongly request Hyogo citizens and Hyogo-based business operators to take heed of the following:

1. **Taking caution when going out, especially when visiting nighttime entertainment quarters**

- **If you have a fever or other symptoms, avoid going out**, and of course, **do not travel across prefectural borders**.
- You are required to exercise extreme caution if you do visit host and hostess bars and other **eating and drinking establishments** at entertainment quarters **that provide individual customer services** during nighttime, and where clusters of infections have been recently detected.
- Please **refrain from unnecessary and non-urgent travels to crowded areas or areas where resurgence of infections has been observed, such as the Tokyo metropolitan area**.

2. **Thorough infection prevention measures at business operations**

- **Please practice thorough infection prevention measures** at your business premises using each industry's guidelines, and also consider using Hyogo's subsidy for SMEs and sole proprietors to fund costs incurred for infection preventions. In particular, I request cooperation from **eating and drinking establishments** at entertainment quarters **that provide individual customer services** during nighttime.
- Please register for the **"Hyogo new coronavirus tracing system"** that will be launched on July 10, so that we can all use facilities with a peace of mind.

3. **Promotion of "Hyogo Style"**

- Please stay vigilant of COVID-19 in your everyday life by avoiding the Three Cs (confined spaces, crowded places, and close contact) and being careful of heat strokes while wearing face masks.
- Please encourage working styles to prevent the spread of infections through measures such as telecommuting, staggering work hours, and avoiding the Three Cs in the workplace.

[Hyogo Style]

- **A new lifestyle for preventing the spread of infections**
- **A new working style for preventing the spread of infections**
- **Preparation for possible compound emergencies (natural disasters and infections)**

I would like to ask all of you for your continued understanding and cooperation in order to prevent a possible second wave of infections.