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Governor's Message to Hyogo citizens and Hyogo-based business operators:  
As we enter the "infection alert" phase

As of July 17, twenty-four new cases of COVID-19 were confirmed in Hyogo Prefecture, and the most recent seven-day moving average for the number of cases has reached 10.7 persons, indicating that we have entered the "infection alert" phase.

In light of this, we have decided on immediate responses regarding medical care and restrictions on social activities according to predetermined courses of action. I strongly request Hyogo citizens to observe the following:

1. **To Hyogo citizens**

- Please **refrain from unnecessary and non-urgent travels to crowded areas or areas where the resurgence of infections has been observed, such as the Tokyo metropolitan area.**
- Please **avoid using eating and drinking establishments that provide individual customer services or serve alcohol, and that do not follow the industry's infection prevention guidelines.**
- Please **utilize the "Hyogo new coronavirus tracing system"** by registering an email address, etc.
- Please follow the **"Hyogo Style"** that includes avoiding the Three Cs (confined spaces, crowded places, and close contact) and wearing face masks (while being careful of heat strokes).

2. **To Hyogo-based business operators**

- Please **practice thorough infection prevention measures based on each industry's guidelines and put up the "infection control poster" indicating that your facility is taking proper measures.** In particular, bars, nightclubs, and other **eating and drinking establishments that provide individual customer services or serve alcohol** should strictly adhere to the guidelines.
- If an employee at eating and drinking establishments shows the slightest symptoms of COVID-19, please instruct him/her to stay at home and **promptly contact the nearest health & welfare office (public health center) to have testing done.**
- Please **register for the "Hyogo new coronavirus tracing system,"** and download and post the QR code in your facility.

3. **To students and young people**

- Please take special caution when **dining in groups.**
- Please avoid **speaking loudly and sharing glasses** when eating and drinking.
- Please avoid **using facilities that do not take proper infection prevention measures.**

I would like to ask all of you for your understanding and cooperation in order to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infections.