

With the spread of COVID-19

Declaration of a State of Emergency

Toyama Prefecture is currently witnessing a serious increase in the number of people infected with the novel coronavirus and the number of cases with an unclear route of infection is growing. The risk of infection tied to daily life and activities is becoming greater and greater. Therefore, based on the expansion of the national government's state of emergency to all prefectures, we are responding as swiftly and appropriately as possible.

Day and night, doctors, nurses, and medical personnel are responding to this crisis with dedication. However, if the number of infections continues to increase, I am concerned that these infections will impede ordinary medical and emergency care. The medical system in Toyama Prefecture is facing an extremely critical situation.

The Prefecture is thoroughly making sure to promote emergency economic measures, carry out infection curtailment measures, and prepare medical service systems such as securing enough hospital beds. However, in order to further prevent the spread of infections, prefectural citizens and businesses must completely and fundamentally change the "I will be fine" mindset.

Prefectural citizens, I would like to ardently urge you to take actions to avoid becoming infected, as well as actions that will not cause your family or others to become infected. Please address this situation with the greatest crisis mentality possible.

Furthermore, we wish for the full cooperation of all business owners whose facilities have been subject to the prefecture's suspension of operation requests.

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