

April 11th 2020

To the Citizens of Yamagata Prefecture (A Message from Yoshimura Mieko, Governor of Yamagata Prefecture):

The number of cases of COVID-19 being brought into the prefecture by visitors, or through out-of-prefecture travel, is increasing.

I request all citizens in the prefecture to continue practising thorough handwashing and cough etiquette, as well as avoiding 'The 3 Cs' (closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings).

In addition, in order to halt the further spread of COVID-19, I ask for your cooperation on the following 4 points:

- 1) Refrain from trips outside of the prefecture. In particular, avoid the seven areas that have been placed under a State of Emergency. This also applies to business trips and training sessions.
- 2) Avoid gatherings attended by people from outside of the prefecture, such as religious services etc.
- 3) Even within the prefecture, refrain from unnecessary activities and outings. Please be careful for your own sake and for the sake of those around you
- 4) Please discourage any family members residing outside of the prefecture from visiting Yamagata for the time being. Also, if you have entered the prefecture from outside, please refrain from going out and work from home for 2 weeks.

The safety of everyone in the prefecture is my main priority. Let's work together to overcome this unprecedented challenge.