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Governor's Comment on the Extension of the State of Emergency Declaration:

Today, the government decided to extend the period of the state of emergency, which is based on the Act for Special Measures against New Influenza, until May 31st.

In our prefecture, since the confirmation of the first case of COVID-19 on March 31st, confirmation of new cases continued every day until April 20th, and the virus has been spreading rapidly in every region, with a limited number of new cases confirmed since April 21st.

However, considering trips in and out of the prefecture have been the cause of many infections within Yamagata, I think the extension of the nationwide state of emergency, and the continuation of the travel restrictions imposed across Yamagata prefecture, is necessary.

Over the coming days, after taking fundamental government policies into account, listening to the opinions of medical professionals within the prefecture, and negotiating and coming to a decision with the Yamagata Prefecture COVID-19 Risk Management Office, I plan to announce the policy within the Prefecture from now on.

Then, in order to protect the health and lives of all prefectural citizens, while working closely with local authorities, the government and related organisations and associations, we will tackle the spread of COVID-19 with all our might.

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