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**To the Citizens of Yamagata Prefecture:**

As of today, the restrictions on travel that were put in place to prevent the spread of COVID-19 in the prefecture have been lifted nationwide. However, new cases have been detected in large cities in Hokkaido, Osaka and Fukuoka etc, indicating that the spread of the virus in Japan has not yet come to a halt. In addition, yesterday, new cases of COVID-19 were found in our neighbouring prefectures of Miyagi, Fukushima and Niigata.

Considering the current situation, we request that you adopt a ‘new way of living’ in accordance with virus prevention measures, and pay careful attention to the following points:

**1) Implementation of a ‘New Way of Living’**

Avoid the Three Cs (closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings), keep social distance, wear a mask, wash your hands thoroughly, and maintain virus prevention measures at all times.

**2) Observance of Industry-Classified Virus Spread Prevention Guidelines**

Business owners and operators, please avoid the Three Cs, provide hand sanitizer, and take heed of the virus prevention guidelines issued for your respective industries.

**3) Caution when visiting areas with active COVID-19 cases**

Avoid the Three Cs wherever you go, and pay careful attention to virus prevention measures.

At the moment, Yamagata Prefecture’s ‘COVID-19 Risk Level’ is at Level 1, so we ask all citizens and businesspeople to please be sufficiently vigilant in preventing the spread of the virus.

Yamagata Prefecture