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## **Governor's Message to Hyogo citizens and Hyogo-based business operators: The pre-emergency measures will be lifted soon**

The current pre-emergency measures, applied to 10 prefectures including Hyogo, will end in a week.

The number of new COVID-19 cases in Hyogo Prefecture has been under the Stage III level (as defined by the national government), but it has not been declining as much. In addition, an increase in coronavirus variants is a great concern, and signs of resurgence are observed in Tokyo, Osaka, and other areas. We need to be more cautious and continue our efforts to stop the resurgence.

Do not let your guard down and take thorough infection prevention measures.

### **1. Avoid outings**

Refrain from visiting areas where a surge in infections has been observed. In particular, do not go out to drink.

Refrain from using facilities with a high risk of infections. No risky behavior such as drinking alcohol on the streets or in the parks and holding house parties with your friends.

### **2. Infection prevention measures at home**

Household transmission accounts for 50% of the infection routes. Be careful not to bring the virus into your home, or spread the virus at home or outside. Avoid risky behavior such as dining in groups. Thoroughly implement basic infection prevention measures such as wearing face masks, washing or disinfecting your hands, and ventilating the rooms.

### **3. Vaccination**

Please utilize vaccination sites operated by municipalities or large-scale vaccination sites operated by the prefecture.

Be sure to continue taking basic infection prevention measures, such as wearing face masks, washing your hands, and keeping a proper distance from others, even after vaccination.

### **4. Infection prevention measures at eating and drinking establishments**

Please follow our request to shorten business hours, comply with the requirements for serving alcohol, and take thorough infection prevention measures.

### **5. Infection prevention measures at offices and facilities**

Please take basic infection prevention measures thoroughly, such as managing employees' health, urging them to wear face masks, ventilating rooms, and providing hand sanitizers. Please make efforts to promote telecommuting.