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**Governor's Message to Hyogo citizens and Hyogo-based business operators:
The pre-emergency measures will be lifted soon;
Do not let your guard down and prevent resurgence!**

The current pre-emergency measures, applied to 10 prefectures including Hyogo, will be lifted on July 11 as scheduled, except for the Tokyo metropolitan area and Osaka Prefecture.

Nevertheless, the number of new COVID-19 cases in Hyogo Prefecture has not been declining as much. An increase in coronavirus variants is a great concern, and new cases are on the rise in Tokyo, Osaka, and other areas. The Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games and the summer holidays are expected to draw large crowds, and therefore, we need to remain cautious.

Even after the pre-emergency measures are lifted, we must make every effort to stop the resurgence. Do not let your guard down and take thorough infection prevention measures.