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Governor's Message to Hyogo citizens and Hyogo-based business operators:
Two weeks after the declaration of the COVID-19 State of Emergency
for Hyogo Prefecture

Two weeks have passed since the State of Emergency was declared for Hyogo Prefecture. There are signs indicating a decrease in infectious cases this week as shown by the number of new cases declining compared to last week. However, the situation surrounding medical services still remains dire.

Now is a critical moment. I would like to ask for your continued understanding and cooperation in following the State of Emergency measures below until February 7.

[State of Emergency measures]

1. Shorten business hours

(Eating and drinking establishments should stop serving alcohol by 7:00 p.m. and close by 8:00 p.m.)

2. Avoid outings

(Unnecessary and non-urgent outings should be avoided, especially after 8:00 p.m.)

3. Reduce commuters

(Reduce 70% of commuters through telecommuting and other measures)

4. Comply with the requirements for holding events

(The number of participants must not exceed 5,000 **and** must not exceed 50% of the venue's capacity for indoor events, etc.)

I would like to ask all of you to continue your efforts so we can protect the health and lives of everyone in Hyogo Prefecture.