

A message of thanks and additional appeals to the residents of Kagoshima prefecture through the Golden Week period

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To the citizens of Kagoshima Prefecture

I would like to express my gratitude for your understanding and cooperation in undertaking various methods of prevention (such as cough etiquette and the washing of hands) in order to stop the spread of the novel coronavirus, Covid-19.

To those of you on the front line including nurses, doctors and carers, I would like to offer my highest thanks and appreciation for all of your undying efforts.

To show our indebtedness to those of you working during these tough times, the prefectural government coordinated an applause of gratitude in honour of you all.

As a side note, I would like to remind people that unwarranted discriminatory behaviour (including prejudice) must not be directed at anyone who is involved with the pandemic. This includes the patients, the patient's family, the carers or institutions for recovery. Always keep composure and make sure the information you receive is correct while always thinking of those around you.

A request for you during Golden Week

Golden Week is one of the most important times to curb the spread of Covid-19. Whether a spike in cases occurs in this prefecture depends on the actions taken during this time. Let's face this together and decrease our social exposure.

Please desist with unnecessary trips and journeys. Moreover, I advise against any plans to leave the prefecture.

A message for those outside of Kagoshima Prefecture

Please refrain from coming here for travel/recreation. Most importantly, please respect the citizens of Kagoshima prefecture by abstaining from travelling to any of Kagoshima's small

islands.

To businesses within Kagoshima Prefecture

We are asking business owners to implement shortened business hours during Golden Week, starting from the 25th April.

To all of you in Kagoshima Prefecture

While this may be of a hindrance, I thank you for your continued efforts and understanding during these unprecedented times to curb the spread of Covid-19.

You have to protect yourself and your family. In addition, be wary of those in the high risk category such as the elderly population. It is said that the risk is very high for elders, so you must do your best to protect those in high risk categories.

For your home town of Kagoshima and society's core, let us unite our thinking and make sure we place curbing the mass spread of Covid-19 as the top shared priority in a collective, prefectural consciousness.

As a result of this pandemic having large-scale effects on the lives of those in Kagoshima prefecture and the prefecture's economy, the prefectural government has been listening to the voices of people and we are implementing measures for prevention of the spread of infectious diseases and offering financial aid to small and medium-sized enterprises, single-parent families, deliveries and takeaways as well as creating additional workplaces and promoting kagoshima products through the internet.

In addition, when the end of the pandemic is in sight, we will be issuing premium gift certificates that can be used at restaurants and lodging facilities such as hotels, as well as issuing discount coupons that can be used to pay at restaurants in order to stimulate the economy and get back on our feet with prompt efficiency.

We are making sure to do the utmost in response to the effects that the outbreak of Covid-19 will have on the citizens and economy of Kagoshima prefecture.

I think it is essential to act with compassion toward one another.

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I believe that we should all act with sincerity and compassion in supporting one another and make sure that we do not forget our shared sense of camaraderie.

Kagoshima achieved the Meiji Restoration through the appreciation and value it placed on its citizens - I think that we have inherited the hearts and souls of the ancestors who achieved the Meiji Restoration.

While we are in these incredibly severe times, do not forget to hold a kind heart and be gratuitous to others.

Let us work together as one to overcome the coronavirus pandemic until its conclusion.

Yours sincerely,

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Kagoshima Prefecture
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