

Comment from the Mayor Regarding the Confirmation of Coronavirus Infections (7<sup>th</sup>  
and 8<sup>th</sup> Cases) (July 13<sup>th</sup>)

I have an announcement for all citizens regarding the Coronavirus,

As of today, July 13<sup>th</sup>, the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> cases of Coronavirus have been confirmed within Kameoka. I pray for the quick recovery of those who have caught the virus.

Thorough testing is currently being conducted at the Nantan Health Center, including figuring out who have been in close-contact with those who have the virus. Based on those results, a suitable response will be conducted in partnership with Kyoto Prefecture and Nantan Health Center.

Thanks to the cooperation from Kameoka's citizens, we have come so far in preventing the spread of the Coronavirus. Since the State of Emergency Declaration was lifted and travel between Prefectures has once again become permitted, everyday life has gradually been returning to normal. As a response to the "New Normal", Kameoka is continuing to put foundations in place in order to support the local economy.

Yet as we enter this month, Tokyo City is seeing a rapid increase in infections with the Prefecture seeing over 200 confirmed infections every day. In Kyoto Prefecture, clusters have been reported among Kyoto city restaurants. With the city nightlife being a main worry, there has been an especially sharp increase in infections among young-adults in their 20s and 30s; creating a worrisome situation.

If the virus continues to spread at its current rate, it will soon become necessary to restrain our actions once again, resulting in the gradually recovering socio-economic activities falling into an even more dire state. As to not waste our efforts up until this point, and in order to protect the importance of life, I ask for your cooperation in continuing to practice basic virus prevention such as washing your hands and wearing a facemask. As these hot days continue, I remind all citizens to be wary of the risk of heat stroke. Make sure to take care of your body by staying hydrated and when you are outside, to remove your mask if you are a safe distance away from others.

I would be honored to receive your understanding and cooperation as we put our full efforts towards preventing the spread of the Coronavirus.

In order to protect the identity and personal information of those who have fallen ill to the virus, we will not disclose any information outside of what has already been publicly announced. I thank you all for your understanding.

July 13<sup>th</sup> 2020

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