

## Message from the Mayor Regarding the State of Emergency Declaration

To all citizens and business owners, as the coronavirus spreads throughout the whole country, I understand your worries.

Based on coronavirus prevention related special measures, the “State of Emergency Declaration” targeted regions have expanded to encompass the entire country. Kyoto prefecture has been added to the list of “Special Administrative Divisions of Japan”, along with Hokkaido, Ibaraki, Ishikawa, Gifu and Aichi prefecture; increasing the prefectural count to 13.

In receiving this declaration, on April 17<sup>th</sup> the Kameoka City Coronavirus Emergency Countermeasures Conference was held. With the health of the citizens as being our top priority, an increase in preventative measures and their enforcement was decided upon. Kyoto prefecture has requested that its residents follow 3 special measures. 1. Practice self-restraint with regards to leaving one’s home 2. Self-restraint in the holding of events, 3. The closing of facilities. For citizens and business owners alike, we request that you eliminate any unnecessary reasons to leave your home. This excludes tasks necessary for daily life such as but not limited to: medical check-ups, grocery shopping and traveling between one’s workplace. We also especially advice against visiting any locations that fall under the three C’s (closed spaces, crowded places and close-contact settings), for example: areas busy in the evening. Along with the self-restraint of holding events that do not fall under these guidelines, we request that everyone follow basic preventative measures such as coughing etiquette, hand washing and proper sanitization.

Furthermore, there are still many uncertainties within the city. It is unavoidable that projects will be cancelled/delayed and that public institutions will be closed/under suspension of use.

Citizens and business owners of Kameoka, I apologize for the inconvenience placed upon you, and thank you all for your understanding.

In addition, the “Take-Out, Eat-At-Home Support Program” and “Senior’s Shopping Support Program” are just a couple examples of emergency support measures being implemented within the city as a way to stimulate the local economy during this current decline. Feel free to make use of these services. We will henceforth be concentrating our efforts into preventing the spread of infection and supporting the lives of our citizens.

Even though it’s hard for us to predict the future in this current situation, I would like to thank Kameoka’s citizens and business owners for their cooperation throughout this period, despite the burden of uncertainty and restraint. Kameoka is strengthening its ties with related organizations and will put its combined efforts into preventing the spread of infection and supporting the lives of citizens. We deeply appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

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