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To all citizens of Shimane Prefecture,

Yesterday, the first case of COVID-19 in Shimane Prefecture was confirmed in Matsue City.

In order to prevent the spread of infection, the Matsue Health Care Center is investigating the path of infection and persons in close contact with the individual.

The Shimane Prefectural Government will continue to coordinate with the Government of Japan and related institutions to provide swift and accurate information to the citizens of Shimane Prefecture.

In addition, in order to respond to the questions and concerns of Shimane Prefectural citizens, current consultation centers will have their open hours extended until 21:00.

In order to prevent community infection, I ask all citizens to avoid the following three situations:

Places with poor ventilation (“Confined spaces”)

Gatherings of many people (“Crowded places”)

Conversation in close proximity to others (“Close contact”)

I am sure that there are citizens who are concerned about their physical condition.

Other than COVID-19, there are many illnesses that can cause fever and coughing; therefore, please contact one of the seven “Consultation Centers for Returning Travelers and Persons in Contact” in Shimane Prefecture if you meet either one of the following criteria:

(Standard Criteria)

- ① Cold symptoms, or a fever of 37.5°C or above, persisting for 4 days or more. (Including cases where you must continually take fever-reducing medicine)
- ② Extreme tiredness or difficulty breathing.

However, if senior citizens or people with underlying illnesses have cold symptoms, or a fever of 37.5°C or above, persisting for **2 days**, or experience extreme tiredness or difficulty breathing, please seek consultation.

In order to maintain the safety and security of citizens, the Prefectural Government is doing everything in its power to prevent the spread of infection, while rigorously coordinating with the Government of Japan, municipal governments, and related institutions.

I ask all citizens not to be distressed, but to respond in a calm manner, based on correct and reliable information.

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