

May 22, 2020

Saitama City Mayor's Message

Hello everyone. I am SHIMIZU Hayato, the mayor of Saitama City.

The government has lifted the state of emergency for 3 prefectures of the Kinki region yesterday, however, 4 prefectures of the Greater Tokyo Area, including Saitama, are to be remained in emergency measures.

Thanks to everyone's cooperation, there has been only 2 infected cases in our city in the past week.

Residents and businesses have refrained from unnecessary outings, and public facilities and businesses have been closed in order to prevent further spread of the coronavirus.

We have also received masks and sanitizers donated from individuals, organizations and businesses. All donated items received were distributed to medical institutes, facilities for the disabled and elderly, and to those who are pregnant. I sincerely thank you all for your kindness.

On the other hand, cases of slanders and discrimination behavior to infected patients and their families, and medical staff have been reported. I would like to stress that such acts and behavior will not be tolerated.

I am also concerned about the increased cases in DV, physical and mental disorders due to the prolonged social isolation.

If you have any concerns regarding your physical or mental disorders, DV concerns, financial issues, and etc., our counselors are here to help you. Please do not hesitate to

use our consultation services.

As we are doing our best to prevent new infections, we ask each of you to not let your guard down and stay alert.