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**Governor's Message to Hyogo citizens and Hyogo-based business operators:
Take every measure to prevent COVID-19 infections!**

Due to reasons such as clusters of infections in medical institutions and social welfare facilities, the daily number of confirmed cases in Hyogo Prefecture has been increasing and has exceeded 40 on November 11, indicating that we have once again entered into the “infection expanding (2)” phase. To protect the lives and health of your loved ones and yourself, I urge you to be careful of the following “five situations” that have a higher risk of infection.

- 1. Attending drinking parties**
- 2. Dining and drinking in groups or for long hours**
- 3. Having conversations without face masks**
- 4. Co-living in small spaces and sharing communal spaces**
- 5. Socializing in common areas such as rest area, smoking area, and changing rooms**

I would like to ask for your understanding and cooperation on the following so that we can maintain social and economic activities while taking proper infection prevention measures.

[To Hyogo-based business operators]

- In consideration of the above-mentioned “five situations,” encourage your employees to **take thorough infection prevention measures at workplaces and dormitories**, as well as **during after-work drinking events**.
- Please **thoroughly practice infection prevention measures based on each industry’s guidelines and put up the “infection control poster”** indicating that your facility is taking proper measures.
- Please **register for the “Hyogo new coronavirus tracing system,”** and then download and **post the QR code in visible places, such as on the tables and counters,** of your facility.

[To healthcare workers and staff at social welfare facilities]

- To avoid bringing the virus to institutions or facilities, be sure to **monitor the health and behavior of the employees thoroughly and urge visitors and contractors to take caution as well.**
- In cases where infection is suspected at your institution or facility, **promptly contact the public health center or the Prefectural Health & Welfare Office of your region and follow their instructions.**

[To Hyogo citizens]

- **Avoid visiting facilities with higher risks of infections inside or outside of the Hyogo Prefecture** that do not implement infection prevention measures based on each industry’s guidelines (in particular, eating and drinking establishments serving alcohol and/or providing individual customer services and karaoke parlors).
- Be sure to follow the **“Hyogo Style”** that includes wearing face masks. In particular, **you must wear face masks** when talking with someone in close proximity or riding cars or buses.
- When using heaters in winter, **ventilate the rooms frequently and avoid the Three Cs (confined spaces, crowded places, and close contact).**
- Please utilize the COVID-19 Contact Confirmation Application “COCOA” and the **“Hyogo new**

coronavirus tracing system.”

- When visiting medical institutions and social welfare facilities, **take caution to prevent infections and follow instructions of the facilities.**

The infection mitigation depends on the efforts of each and every one of you, working together with the strong will of “**Together We Prevent, Together We Fight against COVID-19.**” Hence, I would like to ask all of you for your understanding and cooperation in order to prevent any further spread of infections.