This is the Governor of Saitama Prefecture, Motohiro Ono.
Cases of people being infected with New Coronavirus (COVID-19) are increasing, and in order to contain further spread and infection, it is essential for the citizens of Saitama to fully understand the situation and take appropriate action.
Currently, there are no confirmed cases of person-to-person infection within Saitama Prefecture.
In the future, it is important to confirm information and take necessary precautions.
Saitama Prefecture has preceded other prefectures and even the country in setting up a 24-hour consultation center.
On February 20th, the New Coronavirus Prevention Council was upgraded to the Countermeasures Headquarters Council, and an even stronger system for communicable disease control is being implemented.
Those who have cold-like symptoms and/or a fever (37.5°C and above) that persists for more than four consecutive days, please do not hesitate to seek consultation. In particular, the elderly, those who suffer from chronic illnesses, those who are pregnant, and those who feel severely fatigued or have difficulty breathing are recommended to seek consultation as soon as possible.
If you suspect infection, please refer to the 'Consultation Centers for Persons Returning to Japan or Those Who May Have Been in Contact with New Coronavirus.'
Moving forward, Saitama Prefectural Government will work together as a team to proactively prevent and contain the spread of New Coronavirus. For now, the best strategy to prevent the spread of the virus is for everyone to avoid infection.
By keeping the concepts of 'I will not infect others' and 'I will not be infected by others' in mind, one can easily protect their family and loved ones. I humbly ask for all of your cooperation.
Let's do our best to follow basic infection prevention measures such as meticulously washing and disinfecting our hands and following proper coughing etiquette. In addition, please avoid all nonessential and nonurgent gatherings. The elderly and those who have chronic illnesses, in particular, should avoid crowded places as much as possible.
If you have a high temperature or cold-like symptoms, stay home from school or work and refrain from going outside. To all businesses and organizations, please make it easy for employees to take time off work in order to prevent the spread of the infection.
Let's be sure to be appropriately cautious and fight New Coronavirus together.

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