

May 7, 2020

**Message to all the Citizens of Fujisawa:
Measures to Prevent Spread of Novel Coronavirus Infection
Under the Extended State of Emergency Declaration**

This is a statement from the Mayor of Fujisawa, SUZUKI Tsuneo.

Today, the declaration of the state of emergency has been extended until May 31. When we see the number of infected people with the novel coronavirus in Fujisawa, it is decreasing after reaching its peak around the middle of April, and we think this could be the result of measures taken including refraining from going out and avoiding “3Cs”: confined spaces, crowded places and close contact.

We would appreciate the understanding and cooperation of the citizens for responding to the various requests that are the preventive efforts against the spread of the novel coronavirus infection from the national, prefectural and city governments.

We would also like to express our respect and sincere gratitude for the efforts of the frontline medical workers who are putting themselves at the risk of infection in the harsh conditions along with other essential workers who support our civic life.

The government set forth the Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control on May 4, 2020 within which Kanagawa prefecture is continuously designated as a specific warning prefecture that preventive measures would be taken strictly. Therefore, the number of infected people in Fujisawa may change into an increase, and this situation remains unpredictable. We are standing at the crucial point.

The City of Fujisawa has taken various measures including the initiatives to prevent the spread of the infection centered around Fujisawa Health Center, establishing a PCR test center, school closures, cancellation and postponement of open to the public events, halting the services of city facilities and the

response to congested roads and visitors in Shonan seashore area.

In addition to above described measures, the City of Fujisawa has started to accept applications for Fujisawa Measures to Prevent the Spread of the Novel Coronavirus: Compensation Program for Small and Medium-sized Business and Sole Proprietor that Halted the Business, today.

The City is currently preparing the application procedures for temporary programs of Special Cash Payment and Temporary Special Benefit for Households with Children that are included in Emergency Economic Measures for Response to COVID-19 which was formulated by the national government. We will notify the citizens about the details of application procedures and other information as soon as they are ready.

The City continues to take measures for preventing the spread of the infection in cooperation with the national and prefectural governments and related organizations, and while doing so, we also provide supports for the citizens and business operators.

Finally, in order for us to make the steady progress in preventing the spread of the novel coronavirus infection and the containment of it early, it is indispensable to share the thought with the citizens and proceed in steps. I believe that we will overcome this crisis which no one experienced with all of Fujisawa. Thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation.

SUZUKI Tsuneo

Handwritten signature of Suzuki Tsuneo in black ink, featuring stylized characters.

Mayor of Fujisawa