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Message to all the Citizens of Fujisawa:
In Response to Issuance of State of Emergency Declaration

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

The central government has issued the declaration of a state of emergency for Tokyo and three neighboring prefectures including Kanagawa on January 7.

The newly confirmed cases of the novel coronavirus in Fujisawa were 152 for the month of November and 310 for December; it was the highest monthly record. The spreading of the infection does not ease off even as we entered January, but cases are rising more quickly than the spreading pace in December. This means that we have already been in severe circumstances in which the healthcare delivery system is on the brink of failure that is what we have deeply concerned.

In order to lessen the infection risk and contain the infection spreading under these circumstances, we need to reduce the chance of contact with others as much as possible. The City of Fujisawa will cancel or postpone all the events and classes that it hosts, and with some exceptions, it will halt the services of City Facilities in principle. We will keep you updated with information of City Facility service halt and event cancelation/postponement on the City's website. We apologize for the inconvenience this may cause you; however, your understanding and cooperation are greatly appreciated.

We also urge you to refrain from outings and travel that are not necessary for daily life. In particular, non-essential outings after 8 p.m. should be thoroughly avoided. We advise you to thoroughly behave based on the infection preventive measures that help preventing you from getting infected and getting others infected and avoid "5 situations to increase risk of infection (*please see below)" which the government's Subcommittee on Novel Coronavirus Disease Control has suggested.

We must not make our healthcare delivery system be collapsed for the sake of protecting the lives of yourself, your beloved family, friends and those who need medical care to receive appropriate treatment. We are in the very crucial period. It is important that each of us needs to think and behave as if the circumstances are not another person's affairs, but your own issues. We – all of Fujisawa Citizens – must confront and overcome this coronavirus crisis!

SUZUKI Tsuneo



Mayor of Fujisawa

*5 situations to increase risk of infection:

1. Social gathering with eating and drinking
2. Eating and drinking with large number of people for long time
3. Conversation without mask
4. Cooperative living in tight space
5. Place change