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Governor's Message to Hyogo citizens and Hyogo-based business operators:

Returning to normalcy in everyday life and reviving the economy

As of today, we have observed no new cases of COVID-19 for 33 consecutive days within Hyogo Prefecture. I would like to once again express my profound gratitude to citizens and business operators in Hyogo for your understanding and cooperation.

Despite these positive signs, we should not let our guard down against COVID-19. Starting from June 19, we will be increasing our efforts to promote "Hyogo Style," a new way of life in Hyogo, aiming to normalize our everyday life and reviving the economy while preparing for a possible second wave of infections.

We also need to be prepared for compound emergencies, when natural disasters occur while fighting against the infectious disease, in consideration of seasonal floods. I would like to ask citizens and business operators in Hyogo to once again take heed of the following information and to cooperate with us.

1. Promotion of "Hyogo Style"

I ask you to continue to stay vigilant of COVID-19 in your everyday life by following the "Hyogo Style" principles, including avoiding the **Three Cs** (confined spaces, crowded places, and close contact) and being careful of heat strokes while wearing facemasks.

Please continue to encourage **working styles to prevent the spread of infections** based on the "Hyogo Style" that encourages telecommuting, staggering work hours, and avoiding the Three Cs in the workplace.

[Hyogo Style]

A new lifestyle for preventing the spread of infections

A new working style for preventing the spread of infections

Preparation for possible compound emergencies (natural disasters and infections)

2. Continuing to refrain from unnecessary and non-urgent outings

I ask you to continue to refrain from unnecessary and non-urgent travels to crowded areas including the Tokyo metropolitan area and to **avoid visiting the facilities where clusters of infectious cases were recently detected.**

Likewise, please refrain from visiting facilities where **thorough infection prevention measures, based on each industry's guidelines, are not taken (including temperature checks, thorough ventilation, restricting the number of entrants, registering tracking contact information, etc.).**

3. Thorough infection prevention measures at business operations

Please **practice thorough infection prevention measures** at your business premises, using each industry's guidelines made for this purpose.