

(Date) March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020

(Time) 10:00p.m.

(Mayor's Message)

Dear the Citizens of Hirakata City

I inform you about the latest circumstance relating to novel coronavirus (COVID-19) in Hirakata.

Today, a citizen of Hirakata was confirmed coronavirus positive. This is the first case in Hirakata. Hirakata City Hall will cooperate with Osaka prefectural government to undertake dynamic epidemiological investigations including the assessment of people who may have had close contact with coronavirus-positive carriers.

Now, for protecting citizens' daily lives and for providing the coronavirus carriers secure medical treatments, we are making full efforts to minimise the coronavirus outbreak. In addition, we always pay great attention to citizens' human rights when carrying out any anti-virus measures. We also need your cooperation to stop spreading misleading information, searching who is coronavirus-positive, and defaming the coronavirus carriers on SNS and internet.

It is thought that anyone will catch this disease. But, you do not have to have undue anxiety about the novel coronavirus. What you should do for anti-coronavirus is, as well as the flu prevention, to wash your hands, to gargle your throat, and to cover your mouth and nose when coughing or sneezing. In addition, I would like to ask you to take proper actions based on precise information given by the central government, the prefectural government, and the municipal government.

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