

(Date) March 3rd, 2020

(Mayor's Message)

Dear the Citizens of Hirakata City

I inform you our new measures against COVID-19 infections.

We have already determined school closure until March 24th. But, we also have decided to open tentative safe spaces for children to study and play when their parents are not at home during daytime. Those tentative spaces are available at elementary schools and junior high schools from 8:30a.m. to 3p.m. The eligible children are the first- to the third-grade elementary school pupils who do not use Hirakata's after-school childcare services, and all pupils and students who attend lessons for special need education at elementary schools and junior high schools.

In Hirakata's after-school childcare services, staff members are instructing children to wash their hands and gargle their throats. Furthermore, the staff members also are paying full attention to keep proper distance among children in order to avoid spreading infections. The after-school childcare services are available from 8:00a.m. to 6:00p.m. (extension childcare opens until 7:00p.m.).

Medical check-ups for babies and infants that are scheduled from today to March 13th have been postponed.

Moreover, the deadline for municipal and prefectural tax declaration of the 2020 fiscal year has been changed to April 16th since the period of the income tax declaration has been extended.

We will frequently update information about COVID-19 on our website.

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