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A Message from the Governor

- This is a message from IBARAGI Ryuta, governor of Okayama Prefecture.
- With the Omicron variant going rampant and infections increasing at a rapid speed on a national scale, newly confirmed cases in Okayama are also increasing at twice the speed of the 5th Wave. We remain in a situation in which we cannot let our guards down.
- It is cited that the Omicron variant is approximately three times as infectious as the Delta variant, which was considered to be strong as well. Okayama Prefecture will be implementing the “Omicron Variant Special Precautions Period” until January 31st in order to prevent a further rapid increase of infections.
- Okayama Prefecture has established the 4 “Okayama Rules”, which include initiatives such as limiting dinner parties to four or less people that are family or individuals that you see on a regular basis, and finishing such meetings within two hours or less. We ask that the citizens of Okayama Prefecture keep a high level of caution and implement the basic disease prevention measures.
- “Non-woven masks” are especially effective. When conversing with another, please be sure that you are wearing your mask properly.
- We ask that business owners thoroughly implement disease prevention measures, and that social welfare facilities promptly move forward with implementing additional vaccination doses for their admitted stayers and employees.
- We hope to have your understanding and cooperation in preventing the spread of disease in order to protect the precious lives and well-being of those around us.