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A Message from the Governor

- This is a message from IBARAGI Ryuta, governor of Okayama Prefecture.
- With the emergence of the Delta Variant, the infection status within the prefecture is advancing at a speed higher than Wave 4, and the continued increase of infection cases has brought us back to a Stage III situation.
- We believe that if we do not immediately enforce the measures for the Delta Variant Special Cautionary Period, there will be a high possibility of us falling into a dangerous situation similar to what happened during Wave 4.
- We ask that the residents of Okayama Prefecture reduce their outings by 50 percent, limit dinner parties to four or less people who you live with or see on a daily basis, and continue to partake in the 5 Okayama Rules.
- Many of us will be on summer and Obon vacation very soon, but we would like for you to cancel or postpone any trips or returns to areas with high numbers of infection cases. Even when visiting areas that do not have high infection numbers, we ask that you carefully consider whether or not it is safe to travel to such regions.
- Now is the moment of truth for stopping the advancement of COVID-19. Though we will be inconveniencing many of our residents for some time, we would really appreciate your understanding and cooperation.