

May 14th, 2021

## A Message from the Governor

- This is a message from IBARAGI Ryuta, governor of Okayama Prefecture.
- The government of Japan has declared a state of emergency that will last from May 16th until May 31st. In response to this, Okayama Prefecture will be implementing emergency measures.
- As before, we ask that the residents of Okayama Prefecture refrain from any unessential outings throughout the entirety of the day.
- We are also calling on restaurant establishments and large-scale establishments to reduce their closing times to 8PM, starting on May 16th. In addition, we strongly request that such businesses do not offer alcohol or karaoke at any point during their business hours.

Lastly, we would like for large-scale establishments to refrain from opening on Saturdays and Sundays.
- We understand that this will cast a heavy burden on the residents and business owners of the prefecture. We hope that we can have your continued cooperation in order to protect the irreplaceable health and livelihoods of our family and loved ones.