

Mayoral Message 15th May (Fri) 2020

Dear citizens of Hakusan City, thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation regarding the COVID-19 Virus prevention measures.

The government has lifted the state of emergency from 39 prefectures including Ishikawa Prefecture. Ishikawa Prefecture was lifted from the state of emergency due to the decrease in cases where the route of infection is unknown. Furthermore, Hakusan City has not seen any confirmed cases of the virus since the 2nd May. This is the result of every citizen doing their utmost to exercise restraint where possible and cooperating with the counter measures we have put in place. I would like to take this opportunity to show my deep appreciation.

In terms of the city's actions in response to the virus, the "Special Cash Payments" of 100,000 yen per person, have begun from 12th May for those who have applied online. For everyone else, the application documents will be sent by post starting from the 18th May. In addition to this, we will also be conducting further support payments to households with children, especially to single parents, who can receive up to an additional 40,000 yen. We also plan to swiftly carry out support for small and medium sized companies. Regarding elementary and junior high schools, we will begin to add days where children can attend school from the 20th May onwards, in preparation for a full re-opening of all schools. Further information will be sent via individual schools.

The state of emergency may have been lifted, however, it is still vital that we continue to remain vigilant. Letting our guard down now could potentially lead to another outbreak of the virus. The efforts of every individual will not only protect yourselves, but also your friends, family, lifestyles and regional society. Once again I would like to ask for your continued cooperation.