

## Request from the Mayor to the Residents of Rikuzentakata

To all residents of Rikuzentakata: we would like to thank you for taking thorough countermeasures and safety precautions in your everyday lives to help prevent the spread of infection.

As all of you might have heard, the first cases of the Coronavirus disease have been confirmed within Iwate Prefecture, and we sincerely hope for the speedy recovery of the patients.

Within the City of Rikuzentakata, we have implemented a variety of countermeasures and economic support schemes of our own thus far. Looking forward, we will implement necessary countermeasures and economic support based on the actual situation at hand, carrying them out in a timely and appropriate manner.

Apart from asking all of you to continue with thoroughly practicing the basic countermeasures, while taking into consideration the adoption of new lifestyles and the new economic cycle within the city to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus disease, we ask that everyone stay calm, and once again request that everyone abides by the following:

- 1) To continuously take basic precautions within workplaces, schools and households, etc. by completely avoiding the “Three Cs” (“closed spaces” with poor ventilation, “crowded places” with many people nearby, “close-contact settings” such as speaking loudly in close-range conversations or speaking close together), practicing social distancing, wearing masks, and practicing good hygiene such as washing your hands thoroughly. In addition, if you have a fever or feel sick, please see a doctor at a medical institution.
- 2) To only shop within the city by making use of takeout or delivery services, etc. However, if you have to buy certain items that cannot be found here, please shop within the Kesen region so as to support the local economy.
- 3) Ever since the Great East Japan Earthquake, we have been supported by many different people from around the world. In order for more of these people to be able to visit our city once again, please do not harass or discriminate against others. If, by any chance, someone within the city is confirmed to have the Coronavirus, please refrain from saying inconsiderate things or speaking ill of them.

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Mayor of Rikuzentakata

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