

April 8, 2020

**Request to all the Citizens of Fujisawa:
Prevention against Spread of Novel Coronavirus Infection
under Declaration of State of Emergency**

A state of emergency was declared for seven prefectures including Kanagawa on April 7, 2020. The number of infected patients is rapidly increasing especially in urban areas, and infected patients have been also confirmed in Fujisawa. The situation remains highly unpredictable.

With the understanding and cooperation of the citizens, in order to prevent the spread of the infection, the City has taken various measures including cancellation and postponement of public events and closure of municipal facilities. In response to the recent announcement of the declaration of a state of emergency, the City implements measures aiming to prevent the spread of the infection while setting up Fujisawa Novel Coronavirus Infection Task Force, enhancing its system and cooperating with the national and prefectural governments.

The city would like to ask its citizens to refrain from going out for non-essential reasons and thoroughly avoid, “confined spaces with poor ventilation”, “crowded conditions with people” and “conversations in close proximity”. Please make a level-headed judgement and act orderly in accordance with information provided from the national, prefectural and municipal governments.

In order to protect your life and lives of your important people from the novel coronavirus, attitude and behavior of each and every one of us would be more crucial than anything. My heart is with the citizens. I believe that we can overcome this crisis which none of us have experienced. I thank you for your continued understanding and cooperation in this challenging time.

SUZUKI Tsuneo

Handwritten signature of Suzuki Tsuneo in black ink, written in a cursive style.

Mayor of Fujisawa