A message on prevention of COVID-19 outbreaks from Oshu City Mayor

A large-scale cluster of New Coronavirus infections has arisen at a facility for the elderly within the city. Sixty-eight people have been confirmed to have been tested positive, including residents and staff.

To those who have been infected, we offer our deepest sympathies and hope for your quick recovery.

Because this facility is not a place where an unspecified number of people gather, it is possible to identify close contacts such as residents and staff. Necessary measures to prevent the spread of infection, such as using PCR tests of close contacts and the disinfection of the facility, are being conducted.

The city is also working towards smooth inoculations against the new coronavirus. We are doing our best so that similar cases will not arise, such as implementing projects like distributing antigen test kits to employees in facilities for the elderly and subsidizing expenses for accommodations for those voluntarily isolating themselves.

We are asking that all residents cooperate in taking thorough measures to prevent infection, over and beyond what you have been doing.

[Be thorough in basic measures to prevent infection]

We request that each and every one of us become strongly aware of how to prevent infection, and that we thoroughly implement basic measures to prevent infection, such as washing hands, disinfecting, wearing a mask at all times, and avoiding the three Cs.

In addition, refrain from unnecessary and nonessential travel to regions designated as under a State of Emergency or quasi-State of Emergency. When travelling to other areas, check the conditions of infection to make more careful decisions.

[Being Compassionate]

There should be absolutely no slander, internal criticism, discrimination, or prejudice against infected persons or facilities with clusters.

Please be aware that the new coronavirus can infect anyone. Think from the standpoint of the parties concerned, and respond with compassion.

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