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**Requests to prevent the spread of infection of COVID-19
from the Governor of Ehime**

« Requests During Golden Week »

- Reservations for travel in and out of the prefecture have lessened a great deal compared to last year, but have not ceased completely. Some areas in Japan are still seeing an increasing trend in cases of the virus. We cannot deny the possibility of spreading in Ehime due to individuals traveling during the Golden Week break.
- Due to individuals thinking “It is safe if we are outdoors” or “There is no problem if I’m in my private car,” areas such as roadside stations/rest stops and farmer’s market grocery stores are sometimes crowded.
- You might be thinking “I am okay,” but if you catch the virus with no symptoms you could pass it onto your family members. The elderly and immunocompromised are not the only individuals at risk from the virus. Anyone has the potential to be left in critical condition.
- I request that you please consider “Is this leisure outing more important than my life or the life of those important to me?” and exercise restraint in going out unnecessarily both during the day and night.
- Thanks to the cooperation of our citizens we have managed to slow down the spread of the virus that was occurring late March and the first half of April. However, there is still no proof that the virus has been eradicated from ehime. If everyone in the prefecture can limit their contact with others as much as possible during Golden week then we will be able to minimize the spread of the virus much more effectively going forward.
- By just staying at home and relaxing you can protect those important to you and all of Ehime. While many people may want to go out due to “self-quarantine fatigue,” this is the time to put in your all and show self-restraint.