

July 21st, 2021

## A Message from the Governor

- This is a message from IBARAGI Ryuta, governor of Okayama Prefecture.
  
- The “Rebound Infections Prevention Period” has ended as of July 20th. I would like to re-express my gratitude to all of the prefectural residents for their cooperation in following the various initiatives that we had in place, such as emergency prevention measures, up until this point.
  
- The metropolitan area has seen yet another increase in infections, resulting in the issuing of another state of emergency. Furthermore, cases for the Delta variant, which has a high potential for infection, have been confirmed within Okayama. We are still in a situation in which we cannot let our guards down.
  
- The beginning of summer will mean a further increase in our activities, as well a higher risk of infections with our younger residents at the focal point. Due to this, we have decided to implement the “Delta Variant Cautionary Period”, which will last from July 21st until August 31st.
  
- We ask that you refrain from returning or travelling to high-risk areas. Also, for two weeks after travelling, please conduct yourself while keeping the risk of infection in mind.  
We ask that the residents of Okayama Prefecture continue to participate in the implementation of prevention countermeasures.