

## Message from Chief of COVID-19 Response Headquarters (Mayor of Morioka) 【Updated May 27】

COVID-19 state of emergency was lifted throughout Japan on May25.

Being able to experience the state of emergency lift, this time around, without any confirmed cases are a result of the prevention method that all of the citizens have been following. I would like to sincerely appreciate you all, for your cooperation.

Although the state of emergency has been lifted throughout the nation, this does not mean that the infection is entirely contained. From now on, while controlling the risks of the infection, the levels of socioeconomic activities that can be held will gradually increase.

The request to refrain from hosting events, going out, and restrictions on using facilities will gradually loosen most likely every 3 weeks. In order to move on as planned, it is important to follow the [“New Lifestyle”](#) strategy and to incorporate it into everyday life. I would also like to ask everyone to continue thoroughly avoiding the 3 Cs: Closed spaces with poor ventilation, Crowded places with many people nearby, Close range conversation or contact.

To answer questions or inquiries that may come up about the [Special Cash Payment](#), [Special Cash Payment for household with dependent child](#), and [Emergency Cash Payment for single parents](#), as well as to support concerns about living due to COVID-19, an overall consultation desk has been set up.

With the spread of COVID-19, our life has been deeply impacted and many changes were brought upon at the same time. Working remotely from home and studying online felt like it was a future tool. Now, we are thrust into life along with these so called “future tools” and are becoming more familiar with them. I would like to look at these difficulties and changes thrown to us positively as a chance and move forward together with the citizens, step by step.

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