

January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 (Reiwa 3)

To Guardians

Toyonaka City Board of Education

**Measures under the Declaration of State of Emergency  
by Toyonaka elementary and junior high school**

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation for our school education system.

Due to the state of emergency issued in Osaka Prefecture on January 13<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday, we have decided our school education and activities as follows.

**Notice**

**1. Duration of the Declaration of State of Emergency**

Thursday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021 - Sunday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2021

**2. About School Education and Activities**

We will continue our regular school education and activities with our greatest efforts to prevent the spread of infection.

According to the national findings about the COVID-19 virus, the morbidity rate is lower in children under 10 years old and teens than the other age groups; in addition, both the incidence rate and the severity rate are small. Even though there are infected people in our city; however, clusters have not occurred in schools. We recognize that this is a result of our continuous effort of preventing virus at school and continuous effort of cooperation at home.

We decided that it is important for the city to ensure the learning opportunities to the children; therefore, we will continue our school education and activities, with devising a way, such as classes, clubs, events, and activities as much as possible.

**3. Main Measures in School Education and Activities**

- (1) We will hold regular classes as usual with our great efforts to prevent the spread of infection. However, we will not carry out some classes with a high risk of infection such as activities with long time, crowded situation, or face-to-face in a short distance etc.
- (2) We will avoid 3 dense (San-Mitsu) situations, such as closed rooms with poor ventilation, dense room with many people, close-up scenes of close conversation and vocalization.
- (3) We will make sure to follow the basic preventions such as use facemasks, wash your hands and gargle.

- (4) We will make sure to put our greatest efforts to prevent infections at school events.
- (5) We will make sure to put our greatest efforts to prevent infections of teaches.
- (6) Regarding day trips, we will discuss carefully with the host to decide whether to implement, postpone, or cancel it.
- (7) For school clubs, we will implement only weekdays. No school clubs on weekends. There are no games with other schools. Official competitions will be left to the discretion of each host organization. In addition, the club activities with a high risk of infection will be temporarily restricted. Moreover, we will put our greatest efforts to prevent infections during changing clothes or eating.

#### **4. Preventing Infections at Home**

The number of students who took the PCR test increased sharply in January in our city, and ninety percent of the case were identified as close contacts with their families and relatives. From the perspective of preventing the spread of infection at school, please continue do not send your child to school if your child or his/her family members have cold symptoms such as fever, or if they will take a PCR test. We ask for your further cooperation measuring the temperature every morning, observing health conditions, wearing a facemask, washing hands, and implementing cough etiquette. Moreover, if your child or family members living together is to undergo a PCR test, please contact the school immediately.

#### **5. About the Afterschool Kids Club (Houkago Kodomo Kurabu)**

We will operate normally. However, please continue to cooperate with the minimum necessary usage.

#### **6. Others**

- (1) We will ensure the physical and mental safety and security of your child, so please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns during the period when your child cannot go to school.
- (2) There are some cases of snooping of infected people as the number of infected people increases in schools. We ask your special understanding and consideration not to lead to prejudice or discrimination due to infection by respecting human rights of individuals, and also the protection of personal information.