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To Guardians

Toyonaka City Board of Education

**“COVID-19 expansion prevention” Suspension of Attendance Guidance**

Coronavirus has been confirmed in students and faculty members in elementary and junior high schools in Toyonaka city; therefore, it is necessary to take measures to close the school in order to prevent the spread of infection. (We will cooperate with an active epidemiological investigation to identify close contacts by healthcare centers and also disinfect facilities.)

In addition, for students and faculty members identified as close contacts, even if the PCR test result is negative, need to pay attention to their health conditions for 14 days after the last exposure to the person who has tested as positive and stay home by the request of health care center.

Currently, students and faculty members are undergoing PCR tests at multiple schools almost every day, and it seems that the spread of the infection is in the third wave.

Most of the cases of infection in students are domestic infections, and nearly half of them has no symptoms. **In order to prevent the spread of infection in schools, it is very important not to bring in the virus from the outside (we must eliminate the source of infection).**

Each school are working hard to prevent infections every day, it is also important to observe the health conditions of your child or members of household. **Please make sure DO NOT sent your child to school if your child or members of household have a symptom of cold such as a fever, or under go a PCR test.**

Moreover, please contact school if your child or members of household will undergo a PCR test.

**【Important Notice】**

○If the child has a symptom of cold such as fever, he or she will be **“suspended of attendance” based on the provision of “School Health and Safety Act Article #19.”** In addition, even if the child does not have a symptom of cold such as fever, **if members of household have same symptom, it will be considered as the same as “suspended of attendance”.** Please DO NOT send the child to school in either case.

Please note that the child will not be treated as absent because the attendance will be suspended according to the law.

○We will ensure that the academic ability, physical and mental safety and security of your child during the suspended of attendance period, so please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any concerns.

○We ask your sincere understanding and consideration not to lead prejudice or discrimination because of infection in respecting the human rights of individuals, their families, and related parties, and also protecting personal information.

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