

**To prevent the spread of infection during summer vacation**

Statement by the Chairman of the  
Subcommittee on Measures against  
Novel Coronavirus on July 16, 2021

At present, the number of infected people is clearly increasing in large cities centering on Tokyo, and the possibility of further spread of infection is increasing. On the other hand, vaccination is progressing at a considerable speed.

However, in the two months from July to the end of August, the four consecutive holidays, summer holidays, the Bon Festival, the Olympic and Paralympic Games, etc. will be concentrated, so I think it will be the climax in the battle against the novel coronavirus over a year.

In order to get through this climax, it is necessary to limit the spread of infection even a little during the period of the state of emergency.

**Request to everyone**

In order to prevent the spread of infection during the summer vacation period, in addition to the basic infection prevention measures we have requested so far, such as consulting a medical institution if you feel any ill, please make the following three points in particular.

**[I] Reluctantly traveling across prefectures**

During this period, avoid traveling beyond the prefectures. However, if it is absolutely necessary to travel across prefectures, I would like to ask you to use a small-scale distributed system. Also, even if you meet an elderly person in your hometown who has been vaccinated twice, please do your own infection prevention for 2 weeks before meeting.

**[II] Don't eat and drink too much for people you don't usually see or for a large group of people or for a long time.**

At this time of the year, please refrain from eating and drinking for a long time for people you don't usually see or for a large group of people. However, if you are going to eat out, please choose a restaurant certified by the local government. Also, please refrain from eating and drinking with a large number of people at home.

### **[III] Cheering for the Olympics at home**

Normally, I would like to support the players inside and outside the venue, but in this situation, please support them at home with people you usually meet such as your family. Please refrain from cheering with a large number of people in the square, on the street, or at restaurants.

\*Before the end of the period of the declaration of a state of emergency, the Sub-Committee will consider (1) what impact the expected increase in vaccination rates in the coming months will have on infection levels and medical burden, (2) how people's lives will change, and (3) what prospects will be further opened by combining with other science and technology.