

March 1st, 2021

Attention residents

While the state of emergency has continued in the metropolitan area, I am sure that each one of you is diligently following the daily Covid-19 prevention measures.

Though the third wave of Covid-19 had an infection alert level of 5, it appears to be slowing down. It is easy for tentative optimism to be prevalent, but please don't become complacent, remain on guard and continue to take infection control measures by avoiding the 'three Cs'— closed spaces with poor ventilation, crowded places and close contact settings, while continuing to wear masks and wash hands.

In the meantime, please enjoy spending time with your family, refreshing yourself by going out or exploring some new dining experiences within the town from time to time. I would appreciate it very much if you could consider helping the local businesses by spending locally. When you go out, please be sure to take thorough infection prevention measures based on the "Shinshu Version Suggestion for the New Dining". Please note that these are my suggestions, and I am not compelling you.

To overcome the spread of Covid-19 each one of us needs to have "caring hearts" and expand our "circle of support".

Let's work together to persevere during this challenging time.

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink. The characters are written in a cursive, calligraphic style. The first character is '藤' (Fuji), the second is '巻' (Maki), and the third is '進' (Susumu). The signature is positioned above the printed name of the Mayor.

Susumu Fujimaki, Mayor
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