

July 29, 2021

ATTENTION ALL

Recently, the number of COVID-19 patients is increasing in Tokyo and nationwide. Because of this, there is an enhanced possibility of its further spread. We also have reported cases of new COVID-19 patients in Karuizawa.

Karuizawa is amid the summer peak season. We expect the flow of people will continue to increase for the summer vacation and Bon holiday and there is some cause for concern. I would like our residents to try to avoid visiting high COVID-19 infected areas. To those who are planning to visit Karuizawa, please refer to the guidelines that your local government issues on visiting outside your prefecture. In the event of visiting Karuizawa, please take extreme care to prevent the spread of infection and please refrain from moving around when you are not feeling well.

Also, to help avoid close contact, I suggest that residents adjust your shopping time to the least crowded time and would like you to follow “Karuizawa’s New Manners” which were issued last year. The aim is to prevent the spread of Covid-19 infection and to reduce CO<sup>2</sup> emissions. This is not mandatory, but we appreciate your cooperation on reducing shopping frequency and dispersing the shopping time for your daily necessities according to the last digit of your car number. If your last digit is an odd number, please try to shop on odd days and if even on even days.

COVID-19: The Delta variant is said to be more contagious than earlier strains. I would like to ask you once again to take all the necessary prevention measures such as wearing face masks, washing hands, and ventilating rooms regularly, based on our new normal.

The vaccinations for people over 65 years old will be completed by the end of July. The vaccine supply from the government is uncertain. We are sorry for any inconvenience this has caused people who are under 64 years old. However, we will try our best to facilitate the process for everyone who wishes to get a vaccination.

We sincerely appreciate your continued understanding and cooperation.

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  
Town of Karuizawa