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### Regarding the Use of Municipal Facilities

While the numbers of cases of the novel coronavirus in Niigata have remained at manageable levels, on April 16<sup>th</sup>, the State of Emergency declaration was expanded to all prefectures including Niigata Prefecture. Niigata City has decided to have all municipal facilities close, including elementary and junior high schools, once they complete preparations and remain closed until May 10<sup>th</sup> (excluding daycare services which are needed to for society to function).

These precautions are to help reduce the movement of people who decide to travel out of the prefecture during the long holiday, and to decrease the amount of person-to-person contact as much as possible. I understand that this greatly inconveniences you all, but I ask for your cooperation and your understanding that this is to prevent the spread of the virus and to protect all the citizens of Niigata.

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