

To prevent the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

~Our thoughts and actions~

These days, patients with COVID-19 are found in various places in Japan so we have started acting to prevent infection at our clinic.

-Our plan to prevent infection-

- Control the number of patients at a single time

- ✧ We see only 5 families per 30 minutes

- ✧ Please keep space between you and other patients

in the waiting room

- ✧ Please visit us with a limited number of family

- Ventilate rooms frequently

- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces

- Ask patients and families to wear facemasks

We are very sorry for the inconvenience, but we think

these actions are important to prevent the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

–Our Reason for Action–

We have fought with new and unique infectious diseases throughout human history. Sometimes, novel infectious diseases develop into a pandemic and it takes the life of many people.

In recent years, we have faced the threat of diseases such as Ebola, SARS, MERS and so on, but we always overcome them by science and technology.

However, COVID-19 might be a little different.

Generally, the serious infectious diseases mentioned above are rather easy to control because almost all infected people show serious symptoms. This means we

are able to grasp when and how the patients received the virus and it is easy to isolate these patients. But it is believed that there are many people who are infected with the COVID-19 and do not show any symptoms. These people might spread the virus without knowing it.

When COVID-19 was first reported, it was thought that the danger of the disease might be the same as influenza, but now, it is recognized that COVID-19 is more serious because of its direct attack to the lungs that cause a healthy person to require artificial ventilation.

It seems that COVID-19 is not a big problem for most patients, but for certain patients, it will become a life-threatening event. We have not experienced such infectious disease in the past, so it is difficult to apply the existing methods to this disease.

So, we believe that it is important to prevent the spread

of the virus until we obtain the medical methods for prevention and treatment.

Reference: CDC homepage

<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/about/prevention-treatment.html>