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To our students

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As you may already know from the news reports, Sapporo City is under the "Priority Measures to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19" from May 9 to 31. The measures come with various specific restrictions, such as refraining from going out unnecessarily and shortening restaurants' business hours. We are sure that you are feeling the inconvenience.

There is one thing that I would like to draw your attention to. **Recently, the infection spread among YOUNG people in their 20s. Among the infected, around 33 percent are in their 20s now, though it was about 20% in the past.**

Infectious disease experts have warned that the variants that are now rampant should be considered a different disease from those in the third wave (last winter). **With the new variant, more non-elderly adults become severely ill. It is false to assume that young people are safe from COVID 19.**

Please take the utmost care to **protect yourselves, your loved ones, and the community's public health.**