

(COVID-19)

About Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Press Conference

February 25, 2020

Press Conference by Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, KATO Katsunobu Tuesday, February 25, 2020, 3:30 p.m. Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

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Press Conference by Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, KATO Katsunobu Sunday, February 23, 2020, 6:30 p.m. Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

[Summarized in English by Senior Coordinator for Global Health Cooperation, International Affairs Division](#)

Please refer to the handout: [PDF Purpose of new coronavirus measures \(basic concept\)](#) [102KB]

Prevention Measures and Guide of Consultation

It is important to wash your hands frequently and to cover your mouth and nose with a tissue, or with the crook of your arm if a tissue is unavailable, when coughing or sneezing to protect yourself and others from the virus, just as you do for the common cold or the flu. We strongly recommend everyday preventive actions to help keep the virus from spreading.

If you have any of the following symptoms, please consult with the consultation center for people with potential exposure to COVID-19:

- You have had cold symptoms or a fever of 37.5°C or over for four days or more.

(including when you need to continue to take an antipyretic)

- You have a strong feeling of weariness (fatigue) or shortness of breath (difficulty breathing).

* Please also consult with the consultation center if you are a senior citizen or have an underlying disease, and you have had the symptoms mentioned above for about two days.

If the consultation center suspects that you have been infected with the virus, it will introduce you to a medical institution where medical services are provided for COVID-19. Please refer to the following information for details.

ices for people with potential exposure to COVID-19 are available. Please visit the medical institution, wearing a facemask, and refrain from using public transportation.

The infection control measures taken at the Cruise ship “Diamond Princess” (provisional translation)

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【Press Conference】 Expert Meeting on the Novel Coronavirus Disease Control


On February 24, Experts held a press conference on the case of the novel coronavirus at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Conducted by:

Members of Expert Meeting on the Novel Coronavirus Disease

- OMI Shigeru, M.D., Ph.D., President, Japan Community Health care Organization
- OHMAGARI Norio, M.D., Ph.D., Director, Disease Control & Prevention Center, National Center for Global Health and Medicine
- KITA Yosuke, Senior Coordinator for Global Health Cooperation, International Affairs Division, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Please refer to the YouTube video clips and figures used in their explanation as follows;

YouTube video clips: [Part1](#), [Part2](#), [Part3](#), [Part4](#), [Part5](#), [Part6](#), [Part7](#)

Figure:  [Number of new symptomatic coronavirus infection cases and fever reports by date of onset, Cruise Ship DP, as of February 23, 2020](#)  [68KB]

Press Conference: Situation of the COVID-19 in the Cruise Ship "Diamond Princess"

Press Conference on the Situation of the novel Coronavirus Disease in the Cruise Ship off the coast of Yokohama was held in the MOFA Press Conference Room from 20:40 to 21:40 on Friday 21 February 2020.

Professor, SUZUKI Motoi, M.D., MSc., PHDC, Ph.D., of Infectious Disease Surveillance Center, National Institute of Infectious Disease and Professor, NISHIURA Hiroshi, M.D., Ph.D., DTM&H, of Social Medicine, Faculty of Medicine, Hokkaido University explained the situation based on their analysis using the data obtained on the cruise ship.

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Figure 1:  [Changes in the number of new coronavirus infection cases and fever reports on the cruise ship \(as of February 19\)](#)  [374KB]



Figure 2:  [Number of COVID-19 cases with symptoms among the passengers on the Cruise ship \(by close contact status, as of 02/19/2020\)](#)  [412KB]

Figure 3:  [Number of predicted infections from one patient, by generation \(Reproduction rate\)](#)  [182KB]

Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation within and outside the country

As of 12:00, Feb. 28, 191 cases have been confirmed.

	PCR tested	PCR tested positive (with recent travel history to Hubei)	With no symptoms	With symptoms		
				Already discharged from hospital	Currently in hospital	Death
Domestic cases						

(excluding returnees by chartered flights)	1,380	195* ¹ (13)	15	180	26	150	4
Returnees by chartered flights (Identified by quarantine policy)	829* ²	15 (14)	4	11	7	4	0
Total	2,209	210 (27)	19	191	33	154	4

* 1 : Includes 152 Japanese

* 2 : All include one attendant.

According to official government reports from other countries, as of 10:00, Feb. 28, 82,419 infectious cases and 2,850 deaths were confirmed.

○Confirmed cases outside Japan

Country / Region	Confirmed Cases	Deaths
China*	78,824	2,788
Hong Kong	93	2
Macau	10	0
Taiwan	32	1
Thailand	40	0
South Korea	2,022	13
US	60	0
Vietnam	16	0
Singapore	96	0
France	38	2
Australia	23	0
Malaysia	23	0
Nepal	1	0
Canada	13	0
Cambodia	1	0
Sri Lanka	1	0
Germany	46	0
United Arab Emirates	13	0
Finland	2	0
Italy	650	17
India	3	0

Philippines	3	1
UK	16	0
Russia	2	0
Sweden	7	0
Spain	17	0
Belgium	1	0
Egypt	1	0
Iran	245	26
Israel	3	0
Lebanon	3	0
Kuwait	43	0
Bahrain	33	0
Oman	5	0
Afghanistan	1	0
Iraq	6	0
Algeria	1	0
Austria	3	0
Switzerland	5	0
Croatia	3	0
Brazil	1	0
Georgia	1	0
Pakistan	2	0
North Macedonia	1	0
Greece	3	0
Norway	1	0
Romania	1	0
Kingdom of Denmark	1	0
Republic of Estonia	1	0
Kingdom of the Netherlands	1	0
Republic of San Marino	1	0

※ China: New definition in use to diagnose since February 13 (Clinically diagnosed cases are now included in Hubei)

Q & A on 2019 Novel Coronavirus (2019-nCoV)

[Q & A on 2019 Novel Coronavirus \(2019-nCoV\)](#)

Call centers for foreign tourists

Tourists from other countries may seek help on <https://www.japan.travel/en/plan/hotline/>

Medical institutions offering assistance in foreign languages

You can find the medical institutions offering assistance in foreign languages on the following website.
Click here [Medical institutions offering assistance in foreign languages](#)

Reference (from press release on the ministry website)

WHO

[Pneumonia with unknown causes in China](#)

[WHO statement on the outbreak of pneumonia in Wuhan city, China](#)

[New coronavirus –South Korea](#)

[New coronavirus in China](#)

[International Health Regulations Emergency Committee on novel coronavirus in China](#)

National Institute of Infectious Diseases

[Human-to-human transmission of a new coronavirus](#)

[Details on coronavirus and information about pneumonia linked to a new coronavirus reported in Wuhan city, Hubei Province of the People's Republic of China](#)

Others

[National Health Commission of the People's Republic of China](#)

[Wuhan Municipal Health Commission](#)

[Guangdong Province Health Commission](#)

[Taiwan Centers for Disease Control - CDC](#)

[First Travel-related Case of 2019 Novel Coronavirus Detected in United States](#)

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