

(COVID-19)

About Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

Press Conference

February 28, 2020

Press Conference by Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, KATO Katsunobu Friday, February 28, 2020, 8:47 a.m. Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

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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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February 23, 2020

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:  [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 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】 Basic Policies for Prevention and Control of the Novel Coronavirus

On March 2, Government Officials and Experts held a press conference on the case of the coronavirus at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan. Conducted by:

SAHARA Yasuyuki Senior Assistant Minister for Global Health, Minister’s Secretariat, Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare

SUZUKI Tadaki M.D., Ph.D. Director, Department of Pathology, National Institute of Infectious Diseases

OSUMI Yo Deputy Director-General/ Deputy Assistant Minister, Consular Affairs Bureau, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

KAMOSHIDA Naoaki Assistant Press Secretary/ Director, International Press Division, Minister’s Secretariat, Ministry of Foreign Affairs

INATSU Toshinobu Immigration Services Agency/ Deputy Director, Border Management Division

NODA Hiroyuki M.D., Ph.D. Councilor, Coordination Office of Measures on Emerging Infectious Diseases Office for Pandemic Influenza and Infectious Diseases Preparedness and Response, Cabinet Secretariat

Please refer to the YouTube video as follows;

YouTube video: [Basic Policies for Prevention and Control of the Novel Coronavirus](#)

【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

KATO Yasuko, Senior Coordinator for Global Health Cooperation, International Affairs Division, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

- 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:[PDF](#) [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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YouTube video clips:[Part1](#),[Part2](#),[Part3](#),[Part4](#)

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

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

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

As of 12:00, Mar. 2, 232 cases have been confirmed.

	PCR tested	PCR tested positive	With symptoms				
			With no symptoms	With symptoms	Already discharged from hospital	Currently in hospital	Death
Domestic cases (excluding returnees by chartered flights)	1,784	239 ^{※1}	18	221	27	188	6
Returnees by chartered flights (Identified by quarantine policy)	829 ^{※2}	15	4	11	7	4	0
Total	2,613	254	22	232	34	192	6

※ 1 : Includes 200 Japanese

※ 2 : All include one attendant.

According to official government reports from other countries, as of 11:00, Mar. 2, 88,053 infectious cases and 3,030 deaths were confirmed.

○Confirmed cases outside Japan

Country / Region	Confirmed Cases	Deaths

China*	80,026	2,912
Hong Kong	98	2
Macau	10	0
Taiwan	40	1
Thailand	42	1
South Korea	4,212	22
US	69	1
Vietnam	16	0
Singapore	106	0
France	130	2
Australia	29	0
Malaysia	25	0
Nepal	1	0
Canada	20	0
Cambodia	1	0
Sri Lanka	1	0
Germany	131	0
United Arab Emirates	21	0
Finland	5	0
Italy	1,694	34
India	3	0
Philippines	3	1
UK	35	0
Russia	2	0
Sweden	14	0
Spain	83	0
Belgium	2	0
Egypt	1	0
Iran	978	54
Israel	7	0
Lebanon	10	0
Kuwait	46	0
Bahrain	47	0
Oman	6	0
Afghanistan	1	0

Iraq	13	0
Algeria	1	0
Austria	14	0
Switzerland	24	0
Croatia	6	0
Brazil	2	0
Georgia	3	0
Pakistan	4	0
North Macedonia	1	0
Greece	4	0
Norway	19	0
Romania	3	0
Kingdom of Denmark	2	0
Republic of Estonia	1	0
Kingdom of the Netherlands	10	0
Republic of San Marino	1	0
Lithuania	1	0
Nigeria	1	0
Iceland	3	0
Azerbaijan	1	0
Belarus	1	0
New Zealand	1	0
Mexico	5	0
Qatar	3	0
Luxembourg	1	0
Monaco	1	0
Ecuador	6	0
Ireland	1	0
Czech Republic	3	0
Armenia	1	0
Dominican Republic	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](#)

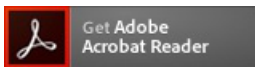
National Institute of Infectious Diseases

[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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