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# Press Conference

July 17, 2020

Press Conference held by Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare, KATO Katsunobu, Friday, July 17, 2020, 11:18 a

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## Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) situation within and outside Japan

As of 0:00, July. 21, 25,736cases have been confirmed.

○Confirmed cases in Japan

	PCR tested	PCR tested positive	Need inpatient treatment	Critically ill
Domestic cases (excluding returnees by chartered flights)	550,714 (+15,959)	25,255 (+407)	4,345 (+232)	52 (+5)
Airport quarantine	105,992 (+1,755)	466 (+11)	246 (+11)	0
Returnees by chartered flights	829	15	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>657,535 (+17,714)</b>	<b>25,736 (+418)</b>	<b>4,591 (+243)</b>	<b>52 (+5)</b>

According to official government reports from other counties, as of 15:00, J

○Confirmed cases outside Japan

[Confirmed cases outside Japan\(July.21\)](#)

## Government measures

### 1. The Basic Policies

○Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control(Revised on May 25, 2020)

On May 25, 2020, the analysis and assessment was conducted again and the implementation of emergency measures. [Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control by the Government of Japan \(Summary\)](#)

○Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control(Revised on April 16, 2020)

On April 16, the areas under declaration of state of emergency were expanded to all 47 prefectures. The Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control by the Government of Japan (Summary)[116KB]

○Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control(Revised on April 7 , 2020)

With the declaration of a state of emergency on April 7, the Basic Policies decided on March 28 have been revised.

[Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control\(Revised on April7,2020\)](#)[123KB]

[\(Summary Version\)Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control by the Government of Japan](#)[42KB]

○Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control (March 28, 2020)

On March 28, “Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control” decided by the Headquarters for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control.

This Basic Policies present measures to be taken so that the government, local governments, and the people will be able to prevent the spread of the disease.

[\(Summary Version\)Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control by the Government of Japan](#)[42KB]

○Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control (February 25, 2020)

On February 25, “Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control” decided by the Headquarters for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control. The measures to be taken to respond to future development.

[Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control](#)[151KB]

[\(Summary Version\) Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control](#)[103KB]

## 【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 Health, Labor and Welfare.

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 Health, Labor and Welfare

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

Please refer to the YouTube video as follows;

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

## 2.Understanding the situation of infection

By notification by physicians under the Infections Diseases Control Law, grasp suspected disease carrier and conduct active epidemiological investigation based on the law and identify those who have been in close contact with infected person.

If carrier is confirmed, conduct active epidemiological investigation based on the law and identify those who have been in close contact with infected person.

For those who have been in close contact with infected person, the measures for preventing from spreading infection will be taken.

We decided to apply medical insurance to the PCR test (on March 6). This makes it possible for medical institutions to conduct PCR tests. The capabilities of private laboratories will be achieved.

## 【Press Conference】 The case of the coronavirus July 13,2020

On July 13, a press conference on the situation of the COVID-19 was held by Related Ministries of Japan.

Please refer to the YouTube video as follows:

[YouTube video](#)

Figure : [The New Phase of Covid 19 Response in Japan \(2020/7/13\)](#)[1,124KB]

## **【Press Conference】 The case of the coronavirus June 25,2020**

On June 25, a press conference on the situation of the COVID-19 was held by Related Ministries of Japan.

Please refer to the YouTube video as follows:

[YouTube video](#)

Figure 1: [Regarding refusal of landing to prevent the spread of COVID-19\(novel Coronavirus\)](#)[88KB]

Figure 2: [Specific examples of cases where permission for re-entry may be granted due to being special except spread of the novel coronavirus \(COVID-19\)](#)[126KB]

Figure 3: [Updates on COVID 19 in Japan](#)[2,432KB]

Figure 4: [Phased Measures toward Resuming Cross-Border Travel](#)[139KB]

Figure 5: [Update on Responses to the Novel Coronavirus Disease](#)[412KB]

## **【Press Conference】 The case of the coronavirus June 1,2020**

On June 1, a press conference on the situation of the COVID-19 was held by Related Ministries of Japan.

Please refer to the YouTube video as follows:

[YouTube video](#)

Figure 1: [Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control by the Government of Japan \(Summary\)](#)[456KB]

Figure 2: [Guidelines for Lifting State of Emergency](#)[1,284KB]

Figure 3: [Japan's COVID-19 Response \(2020/6/1\)](#)[2,475KB]

Figure 4: [Overview of the SecondSupplementary Budget for FY2020](#)[860KB]

## **【Press Conference】 The case of the coronavirus May 21,2020**

On May 21, a press conference on the situation of the COVID-19 was held by Related Ministries of Japan.

Please refer to the YouTube video as follows:

[YouTube video](#)

Figure :[Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control by the Government of Japan \(Summary\)](#)[522KB]

## **【Press Conference】 The case of the coronavirus May 18,2020**

On May 18, a press conference on the situation of the COVID-19 was held by Related Ministries of Japan.

Please refer to the YouTube video as follows:

[YouTube video](#)

Figure 1: [Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control by the Government of Japan \(Summary\)](#)[516KB]

Figure 2: [Expert Meeting on the Novel Coronavirus Disease Control Analysis of the Response to the Novel Cor](#)

Figure 3: [Novel Coronavirus Control Measures by Region \(Conceptual Diagram\)](#)[1,662KB]

Figure 4: [Updates on COVID 19 in Japan](#)[2,274KB]

## **【Press Conference】 The case of the coronavirus May 8,2020**

On May 8, a press conference on the situation of the COVID-19 was held by Related Ministries of Japan.

Please refer to the YouTube video as follows:

[YouTube video](#)

Figure 1: [Key Revisions to Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control by the Government of Japan](#)[274KB]

Figure 2: [Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control by the Government of Japan \(Summary\)](#)[168KB]

Figure 3: [Expert Meeting on the Novel Coronavirus Disease Control Analysis of the Response to the Novel Coronavirus](#)[274KB]

Figure 4: [Example of practicing "New Lifestyle"](#) [83KB]

Figure 5: [Expert Meeting on the Novel Coronavirus Disease Control Analysis of the Response to the Novel Coronavirus](#)[274KB]

Figure 6: [Outlook for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control \(Projection\)](#)[235KB]

Figure 7: [10 tips for reducing contact](#)[137KB]

Figure 8: [Updates on COVID-19 in Japan](#)[656KB]

## **【Press Conference】 The case of the coronavirus April 23,2020**

On April 23, Government Officials held a press conference on the case of the coronavirus at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Please refer to the YouTube video as follows:

[YouTube video](#)

Figure 1: [\[COVID-19\] Declaration of a State of Emergency in response to the Novel Coronavirus Disease](#) [22KB]

Figure 2: [Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control by the Government of Japan \(Summary\)](#) [114KB]

Figure 3: [Updates on COVID-19 in Japan](#) [2,172KB]

Figure 4: [Emergency Economic Measures for Response to COVID-19](#) [48KB]

Figure 5: [Changes in the number of passengers going through ticket gates of major stations](#) [396KB]

Figure 6: [Analysis of demographic changes in designated prefectures under special caution \(as of 15:00, April 23, 2020\)](#) [1,144KB]

## **【Press Conference】 The case of the coronavirus April 8,2020**

On April 8, a press conference on the situation of the COVID-19 was held by Related Ministries of Japan.

Please refer to the YouTube video as follows:

[YouTube video](#)

Figure 1: [Updates on COVID-19 in Japan](#)[2,351KB]

Figure 2: [Emergency Economic Measures for Response to COVID 19](#)[423KB]

Figure 3: [Revision of Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control \(Summary\)](#) [146KB]

Figure 4: [Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control\(Revised on April 7,2020\)](#) [123KB]

Figure 5: [Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control by the Government of Japan \(summary\)](#)[42KB]

## **【Press Conference】 The case of the coronavirus March 31,2020**

On March 31, an expert and Government Officials held a press conference on the responses to the coronavirus.

Please refer to the YouTube video as follows:

[YouTube video](#)

Figure 1: [Updates on COVID-19 in Japan](#)[2,171KB]

Figure 2: [Basic Policies for Novel Coronavirus Disease Control by the Government of Japan\(summary\)](#)[42KB]

## **【Press Conference】 The case of the coronavirus March 17,2020**

On March 17, Government Officials held a press conference on the case of the coronavirus at the Ministry of F

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

YouTube video:[Part1,Part2,Part3](#)

Figures: [Coronavirus Disease 2019 \(COVID-19\) Situation in Japan](#)[1,249KB]

## **【Press Conference】 The case of the coronavirus March 10,2020**

YouTube video:[Part1,Part2,Part3](#)

On March 10, Government Officials held a press conference on the case of the coronavirus at the Ministry of F

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

YouTube video:[Part1,Part2,Part3](#)

Figure 1:[COVID-19 Clusters in Japan](#)[463KB]

Figure 2:[Overview of the Act on Special Measures](#)[416KB]

Figure 3:[PCR Testing system](#)[431KB]

Figure 4:[Screenshot COVID19Map\\_MHLW](#)[1,848KB]

Figure 5:[Immigration Control and Refugee Recognition Act](#)[120KB]

## **3. Measures for preventing outbreaks**

In Japan, sporadic cases of small numbers of patients have been observed.

The spread of infection can be prevented by tracing the route of transmission, especially for close contacts.

The important thing is to minimize the spread of infection in the country by preventing one cluster of patients f

Please refer to the handout below;

[Preventing Outbreaks of the Novel Coronavirus](#) [148KB]

## **Expert Meeting on Novel Coronavirus Disease Control “Analysis of the Respo**

[Expert Meeting on Novel Coronavirus Disease Control “Analysis of the Response to the Novel Coronavirus Dise](#)

[\[Addendum\] Japan’s Cluster-based Approach](#) [585KB]

## **Analysis and Recommendations of the Response to the Novel Coronavirus**





## 5. The Cruise ship

All passengers and crews disembarked from the Cruise ship "Diamond Princess"

	PCR tested positive ※ [With no symptoms]	Already discharged from hospital	Hospitalized with a ventilator or intensive care unit	Death
Cases at the Cruise ship (Identified by quarantine policy) (3,711)	712 [331]	659	0	13

### The infection control measures taken at the Cruise ship "Diamond Princess"

[The infection control measures taken at the Cruise ship "Diamond Princess" \(provisional translation\) PDF \[29KB\]](#)

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

On February 24, Experts held a press conference on the case of the novel coronavirus at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. 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 Infectious Diseases
- 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](#)

### 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. Professor, SUZUKI Motoi, M.D., MSc., PHDC, Ph.D., of Infectious Disease Surveillance Center, National Institute of Infectious Diseases explained the situation based on their analysis using the data obtained on the cruise ship.

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

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

Figure 1: [Changes in the number of new coronavirus infection cases and fever reports on the cruise ship \(as of February 24\)](#)

Figure 2: [Number of COVID-19 cases with symptoms among the passengers on the Cruise ship \(by close contact\)](#)

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

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# Message to the people in Japan

## 1.Characteristics of new coronavirus infections ascertained a

<The routes of transmission>

The routes of transmission are generally through droplets and contacts.

In addition, under certain circumstances, such as when talking to many people at a short distance in confined sp

The risk of occurrence of clusters is particularly high when the “Three Cs” overlap.

1. Closed spaces with insufficient ventilation
2. Crowded conditions with people
3. Conversations in short distance

< Common symptoms and risk of developing severe>

Often, fevers or respiratory symptoms may persist for around one week, and many patients complain of strong f

Those infected often present only mild symptoms, which will heal in many cases. The severity of the novel corona  
the elderly and patients with underlying diseases.

## 2.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  
common cold or the flu. We strongly recommend everyday preventive actions to help keep the virus from spread

# Avoid the "Three Cs"!

- 1. Closed spaces** with poor ventilation.
- 2. Crowded places** with many people nearby.
- 3. Close-contact settings** such as close-range conversations.



One of the key measures against COVID-19 is to prevent occurrence of clusters.  
Keep these "Three Cs" from overlapping in daily life.



MHLW COVID-19 Search



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 been in contact with a person with COVID-19.

If the consultation center suspects that you have been infected with the virus, it will introduce you to a medical institution for treatment.

Please wear a facemask, and refrain from using public transportation.

※ [Prevention Measures COVID-19](#) (February 25, 2020 version) [464KB]

## Prevention Measures against Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

### About COVID-19

< Common symptoms and risk of developing severe >

**Often, fevers or respiratory symptoms may persist for around one week, and many patients complain of strong fatigue.**

Those infected often present only mild symptoms, which will heal in many cases. The severity of the novel coronavirus disease is not as great as infectious diseases with extremely high mortality rates, but it does have the higher risk than seasonal influenza. **The risks of developing severe symptoms are particularly high among the elderly and patients with underlying diseases.**

<The routes of transmission>

The routes of transmission are generally through droplets and contacts. It is not thought to be caused by airborne infections.

In addition, under certain circumstances, such as when talking to many people at a short distance in confined spaces, there is the risk of spreading the infection even without coughing or sneezing.

### Precautions in daily life

• First of all, **washing hand** is important. Wash your hands frequently with soap or alcohol when you return home, before or after cooking, before eating, etc.

• When you have symptoms such as coughs and sneezes, please cover your mouth and nose. If you cover coughs and sneezes with your hands and touches objects around you with those hands, there is a chance of spreading virus via those objects, please observe the **"coughing etiquette"**.

• **Seniors and persons with chronic diseases are advised to take extra precaution and avoid visiting packed places** and using public transportation as much as possible.

**Do not go to office or school, especially if you have symptoms such as fever.**

If you have cold symptoms such as fever, measure and record fever everyday.

- ※ [Eight-point list of precautions to take at home](#) [549KB]
- ※ [Measures against infectious diseases](#)[994KB]
- ※ [Washing Hands](#)[910KB]
- ※ [Coughing Manners](#)[951KB]

# Reference

## The CNN published at 11:00 (Japan time) on March 6

[The CNN published at 11:00 \(Japan time\) on March 6](#)

## 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](#)

## WHO

[Pneumonia with unknown causes in China](#)

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

[New coronavirus –South Korea](#)

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

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[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](#)

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

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