

Measures Taken by Japan to Stop the Spread of COVID-19 (Overview)

Stage IV

Situation requiring response to avoid an explosive rise in infections and to keep health care delivery systems from becoming seriously overwhelmed

Measures Stricter than the Priority Preventive Measures

“State of Emergency measures”

※ Japan cannot legally enforce a lockdown as is done in other cities of the world.

【Outline】 Response to curb the rapid spread of the virus nationwide

【Scope】 Generally applied to individual prefectures

【Measures that can be taken】

- Request businesses to shorten hours or suspend operations (order, fine (JPY 300,000) can be imposed)
- Request residents to refrain from going out, etc.
- Request organizers to restrict their holding of events or suspend them, etc.

Stage III

Stage requiring response to avoid a rapid increase in infections and large strains on health care delivery systems

Priority Preventive Measures

【Outline】 Response to curb the spread of the virus from specified areas

【Scope】 Generally applied to individual districts or municipalities

【Measures that can be taken】

- Request businesses to shorten business hours (order, fine (JPY 200,000) can be imposed)
- Request residents to refrain from going out, etc.
- Request organizers to restrict their holding of events, etc.