

2021CMAAO General Assembly Taipei



JMA



Country Report

Japan Medical Association

Countermeasures against COVID-19 by the Japan Medical Association

Regular Press Conferences on COVID-19

President Toshio Nakagawa has held regular press conferences every week since his inauguration. JMA faces COVID-19 together with the people of Japan. JMA continues to answer questions and inform the incidence status and outlook of the infection in an easy-to-understand manner to the people.



Over the past year, JMA is changing into a new JMA, which is flexible yet robust, never gives up against any pressure, and can speak up firmly to protect the health and life of the people.



JMA's Approach Against the COVID-19 Infection 1/2

- “Strengthening medical care at normal times equals preparing for medical care in times of emergency” – *i.e.*, the capacity of medical care in times of emergency is the reserve capacity of medical care delivery system at normal times”.
- The “Declaration of a State of Emergency” should be issued sooner rather than later and canceled slowly and carefully.
- Our belief, which is also a truth, is that “Thorough infection prevention measures are the most powerful economic measures”.



JMA's Approach Against the COVID-19 Infection 2/2

- Vaccination
 - Switching from the “defensive” fight to the “**offensive**” fight, medical associations across the country will work to build a vaccination system expecting any possible scenarios.
 - JMA will collect information on good examples and difficult challenges from local medical associations, spread the good examples, and provide highly accurate information on vaccines as newsflash.
 - When difficulties arise, JMA will make and coordinate any necessary requests to the government with full effort.

Inspection Visit to the National Center for Global Health and Medicine Together with Prime Minister Suga

Dec 14, 2020

President Nakagawa, together with Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga, visited the National Center for Global Health and Medicine, which plays a core role in the fight against COVID-19.

This visit was realized at the request of President Nakagawa, who asked Prime Minister Suga to “visit the medical workplaces to encourage the medical staff who are responding to the COVID-19 patients every day” during their previous meeting.



Source: https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/99_suga/actions/202012/14shisatsu.html



Nine Medical Organizations Declared “A State of Medical Emergency” 1/2 Dec 21, 2020

- As the COVID-19 infection continue to spread, JMA, together with Japan Dental Association, Japan Pharmaceutical Association, Japanese Nursing Association, Japan Hospital Association, All Japan Hospital Association, Japan Psychiatric Hospitals Association, Japanese Association of Medicalcare Corporations, and Tokyo Medical Association declared “a state of medical emergency.”

Summary

- Pointed out a sense of crisis concerning the current state of medical practice
- Urged the politicians to spend time in constructive discussions, not on criticism or political restraint
- Urged the government to take bold measures sooner than later with courage
- Moreover, reiterated that “through infection prevention measures are the most powerful economic measures”
- Requested the people to think about the harsh medical workplaces and to carry out all measures that are currently possible



Nine Medical Organizations Declared “A State of Medical Emergency” 2/2 Dec 21, 2020

- We call upon the national and local governments to take appropriate measures to raise awareness among the people and to support medical workplaces.
- To protect the lives and health of the people, we will protect the medical practice and long-term care delivery systems in communities to the end no matter what it takes.
- We ask the people to continue to take infection prevention measures thoroughly.





Exchange of Opinions with government and medical organizations

Jan. 14, 2021

Remark of Prime Minister Suga

I would like to provide maximum support to medical institutions in order to provide the necessary medical care to those who need it. I would like to hear real opinions from medical organizations and take measures without hesitation.

Expression of determination by President Nakagawa

- In case of emergency, public hospitals and private hospitals are ready for the ultimate battle.
- JMA, Japan Hospital Association, All Japan Hospital Association, Japan Psychiatric Hospitals Association, Japanese Association of Medicalcare Corporations will establish a new countermeasure organization to secure beds for COVID-19 and strive to build an emergency medical care provision system to accept patients with COVID-19.
- We call on all available practitioners for more assistance than ever before.
- All medical institutions support the community and face COVID-19. The medical community will work as one to fight against COVID-19.
- In addition to requesting the nationwide issuance of the declaration of a state of emergency, we request the government to awaken a sense of crisis and tension with a sense of solidarity among the people by repeatedly sending a clear message to prevent the spread of infection.



Prime Minister's Official Residence



Meeting for measures to secure beds for accepting patients with COVID-19

Jan. 20, 2021

- With the rapid increase in the number of patients with the severe cases of COVID-19, patients may not be admitted to the hospital.
- The problem of securing beds is that t "priority medical institutions can concentrate on patients with COVID-19 only if general patients are accepted and regular medical care are firmly in place in the area”.
- President Nakagawa reported JMA would launch the “Meeting for measures to secure beds for accepting patients with COVID-19” with Japan Hospital Association, All Japan Hospital Association, Japan Psychiatric Hospitals Association, Japanese Association of Medicalcare Corporations with the aim of the discussing specific measures to secure beds to accept patients with COVID-19 speedily throughout the medical community.



A Promise to the Vaccination Minister Kono to Offer Full Cooperation in the Vaccination

Jan. 22, 2021



- President Nakagawa and the Vice President Imamura had a meeting with Minister Taro Kono in charge of the COVID-19 vaccination program, at the Cabinet Office.
- Minister Kono requested support for the vaccination, and President Nakagawa expressed that JMA and the medical associations across the nation intend to offer full cooperation.



Specific Measures to Secure Beds for COVID-19 Patients

Feb 3, 2021

1. Prefectural medical associations, prefectural hospital organizations and their local branches would launch a council.
2. The council would build a system for information sharing and make good use of it.
3. Measures to secure beds to accept patients
4. Measures to ensure unoccupied beds for back-up
5. Enhancement of hotel accommodations and home care
6. Measures to be taken by dispatching local physicians, nurses, etc.

A Promise to Prime Minister Suga to Offer Full Cooperation in the Vaccination Project

Feb. 10, 2021



Prime Minister's Official Residence

- President Nakagawa exchanged opinions with Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga and others at the Prime Minister's Official Residence.
- Prime Minister Suga requested President Nakagawa “to continue demonstrating leadership and support to help the establishment of the vaccination program.”
- President Nakagawa stated, “Together with all medical associations in the country, we are prepared to offer full cooperation to the vaccination program with a sense of mission so that all people of Japan who wish to be vaccinated can promptly receive vaccines without any concerns.”

Exchange of Opinions with the Vaccination Minister Kono For Facilitating the Vaccination

Mar. 16, 2021

President Nakagawa and other officials exchanged opinions with Minister Taro Kono in charge of the COVID-19 vaccination and others for the facilitation of the COVID-19 vaccination.

President Nakagawa: "We have high expectation that the vaccination will turn our defensive fight against the COVID-19 infection into an offensive one."

Minister Kono: "Please feel free to speak up about any problems in establishing a vaccination program."

The continuing cooperation between the government and the medical associations was reaffirmed.



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Exchange of Opinions with the Government on the Vaccination Promotion

Apr. 30, 2021

- The government (Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga; Health, Labour and Welfare Minister Norihisa Tamura; and Minister Taro Kono in charge of the COVID-19 Vaccination), JMA (President Nakagawa and Vice President Imamura) and the Japanese Nursing Association exchanged opinions..



Prime Minister's Official Residence

- Prime Minister Suga

Referring to the announcement of the intention to complete the COVID-19 vaccination for the elderly by the end of July, he requested further cooperation from JMA and JNA.

Urgent Statement to the Explosive Spread of Novel Coronavirus Infection

Jul.29, 2021

Japan Medical Association, Japan Dental Association, Japan Pharmaceutical Association, Japanese Nursing Association, Japan Hospital Association, All Japan Hospital Association, Japan Psychiatric Hospitals Association, Japanese Association of Medicalcare Corporations, and Tokyo Medical Association

Urgent Request

1. Immediately issue a state of emergency to areas such as the Tokyo metropolitan area where the number of infected people is increasing rapidly. At the same time, consider setting the target area of the state of emergency to be nationwide.
2. Thoroughly and intensively recommend teleworking and direct bounces until the infection is settled.
3. Promote vaccination for people between the ages of 40 and 64 and those with high-risk illnesses and complete them as soon as possible.



Opinion Exchange Between the Government and Medical Organizations

Aug. 3, 2021

President Nakagawa attended the exchange of opinions between the government and medical organizations. He reiterated to Prime Minister Suga that medical professionals are determined to fight against the COVID-19 infection by working together to overcome this difficult situation.



Prime Minister's Official Residence

He also reported that JMA and eight medical organizations issued “the Emergency Statement concerning the explosive spreading of the COVID-19 infection,” urging the government to implement stronger outbreak control measures across the country by declaring a state of emergency nation-wide.

Prime Minister Suga reported that that he shifted the policy on hospitalization to focus on the patients with severe symptoms and those with high risk of developing severe symptoms to ensure that all patients can receive the necessary medical care according to the level of symptoms even when the infection spreads suddenly. He requested further cooperation from the physicians in local clinics, asking “to provide proper medical care to the people through home visits and online consultations.”

Official JMA Channel on YouTube

- *We will answer your questions! The COVID-19 vaccines [For the general public]*

PART 1 (March 24, 2021)

- The schedule and flow of a vaccination, the types and availability of vaccines, expected side reactions, the advisability of vaccinations to pregnant women, post-vaccination cautions, etc.

Part 2 (July 12, 2021)

- Cautions when making reservation and on the day of the vaccination, the duration of the vaccine's effect, the effect on variant strains, post-vaccination side reactions, what to do in case of a fever, etc.

- *Responding to anaphylaxis after administering the COVID-19 vaccines [For medical professionals]*



Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare and JMA Joint Webinar

Mar. 18,2021 MHLW

Theme: Response to infections and cluster outbreaks in facilities for the elderly -share the experience and lessons of support and receiving support and become stronger throughout the community-

Apr. 28 MHLW, JMA

Theme: Provide/get support when cluster occurs in sanatorium medical institutions

Jul. 16 MHLW, JMA

Theme: Response to infections in facilities for the elderly-Strengthening the community through mutual understanding and cooperation among people involved in welfare and health care-

Topics

- “JMA Symposium”
 - Lessons from the Great East Japan Earthquake at its 10th year-
- “Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games”
- “A Collection of Old National Books & Scrolls”



Ten years from the Great East Japan Earthquake: Never forget the lessons learned – medical assistance of continuing “kizuna [bond]”

Feb 19, 2021,

The JMA Symposium, titled *Ten years from the Great East Japan Earthquake: Never forget the lessons learned - medical assistance of continuing “kizuna [bond],”* was held with no audience.

At the symposium, President Nakagawa and the Presidents of the prefectural medical associations of the affected area gave lectures and panel discussions. The symposium reaffirmed that we would not forget the lessons we learned from the Great East Japan Earthquake and that we would strengthen the collaboration to prepare for the next disaster.



JMA Auditorium

Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games

Jul. 23 – Aug. 8, 2021

Aug. 24 – Sep. 9, 2021



- **Moving Forward**
- **United by Emotion**
- **Worlds we share**



To Host the Tokyo Olympic/Paralympic Games Safely and Securely

Jul 19, 2021

President Nakagawa met President Seiko Hashimoto of the Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games, and conveyed his main views based on the document, titled “To Host the Tokyo Olympic and Paralympic Games Safely and Securely.”

Main Point

JMA will offer full support for the success of the safe and secure Olympic/Paralympic Games and work on necessary measures while maintaining close communication with the government especially during the games.



President Seiko Hashimoto of the Tokyo Organizing Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games

A Collection of Old National Books & Scrolls

Mar. 30, 2021

The JMA published “A Collection of Old Japanese Medical Books & Scrolls” as the 30th anniversary of the Takemi Program in International Health at the Harvard School of Public Health

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