

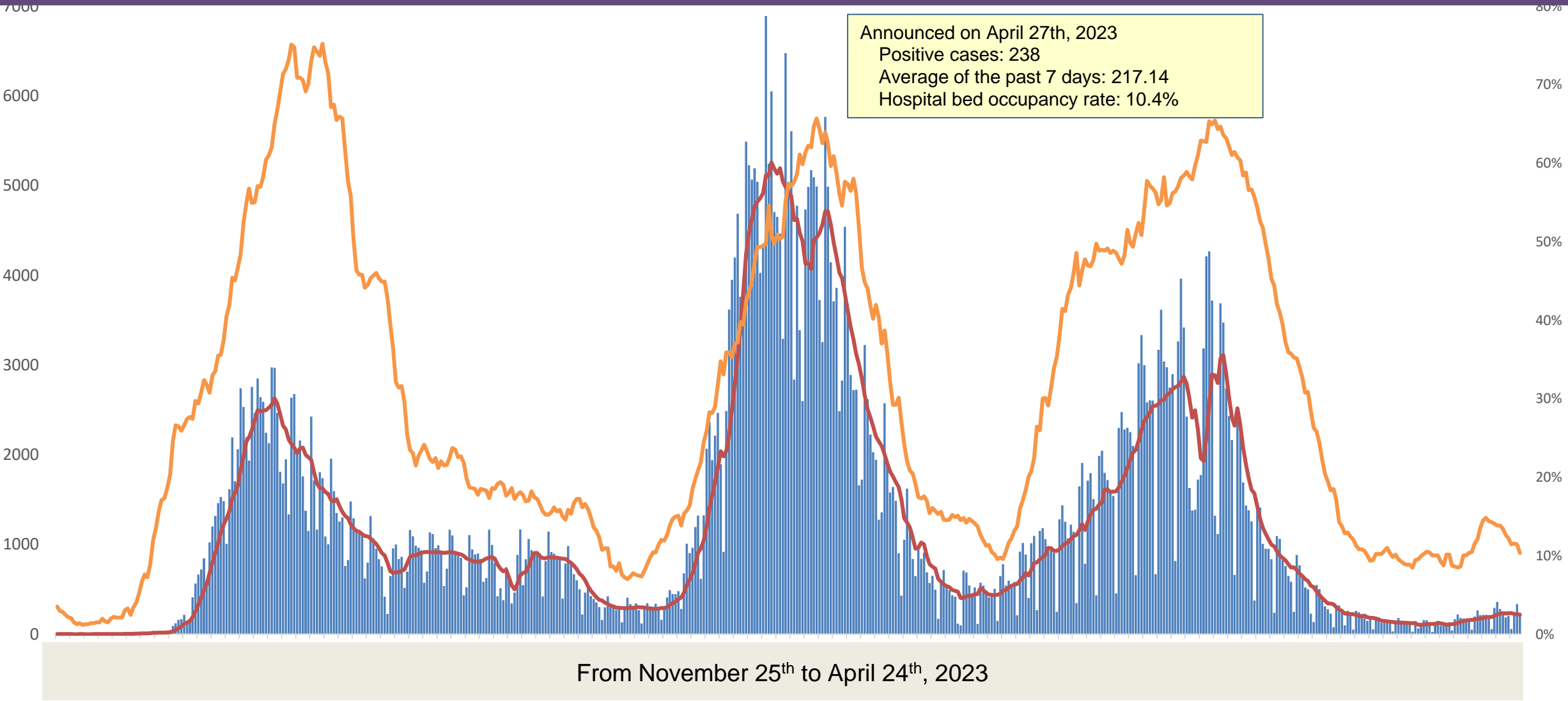
Measures against COVID-19 in response to the classification downgrade to Category 5



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Changes in the No. of COVID-19 infections




■ New cases — 7-days average of new cases — Hospital bed occupancy rate

Downgrade to Category 5 infectious disease

COVID-19 will be **downgraded to Category 5 under the Infectious Disease Control Law on **May 8th, 2023****

Key points of change

- ◆ Special handling by limited number of institutions  Handled normally by wide range of medical institutions
- ◆ Various measures based on the special measures/basic response policy law have been ended.
- ◆ Basic infection control measures are left to the discretion of individuals and businesses.

Kyoto Prefecture's Response

- Provide access to necessary treatment in the event of a resurgence of infections
- Continue to focus on protecting the elderly and others who are at high risk of serious illness

○ COVID-19 patients treated at a wide range of medical facilities

Outpatient care system

◆ “Outpatient medical facilities” that examine and treat patients with fever, etc.

1,035 facilities → 1,180 facilities (May 8th onwards)

(*Only those medical institutions that have obtained consent will be posted on the Kyoto Prefecture website from Monday, May 8th)

→ Ultimately, the goal is to provide broad and generalized medical care.

Inpatient Care System

◆ Hospitalization coordination

Patients with minor illness → Coordination of hospitalization among medical institutions

Patients with severe illness → Hospitalization Support Center assists with hospitalization coordination (until the end of September)

→ Eventually move to a system based on coordination among medical institutions

◆ Number of beds secured from May 8th: 1,045

→ Eventually, all hospitals will accept such patients.

Ensuring availability of medical care system during Golden Week

- Provide the following support to medical institutions that are able to provide medical treatment and testing during the period.

Details of support

- Assistance to medical institutions providing outpatient care → 100,000 yen a day
- Assistance to pharmacies that will handle drug prescriptions from medical institutions → 50,000 yen a day

Period of validity

May 3rd (Wednesday) 2023 ~ May 5th (Friday)

Medical institutions that can provide medical care and examinations during Golden Week

- List of medical facilities available during Golden Week" will be available on the Kyoto Prefecture website.
- Information is also available at the Kyoto COVID-19 Medical Consultation Center (075-414-5487 *24 hours a day).

○ The consultation system for those with worsening symptoms, etc. will be continued.

Consultation service	Consultation details
<p>◆ Kyoto COVID-19 Medical Consultation Center (24 hours) Phone: 075-414-5487</p>	<p>(Fever Lingering symptoms)</p>
<p>• Kyoto Prefecture Consultation Dial Service for recuperating persons (24 hours a day) Phone: 075-708-7159</p>	<p>Consultations in the event of worsening symptoms</p>
<p>• Kyoto City Consultation Dial Service for recuperating persons(24 hours) Phone: 050-3614-9575</p>	

○ Please refer to the following for information on medical treatment in the event of testing positive.

Recommended period of time to refrain from going outside

- Until the 5th day following onset of symptoms, onset day is considered day zero
- If symptoms persist on day 5 → 24 hours following recovery of symptoms

Until 10 days have passed since onset

- Wear a mask, avoid contact with high-risk individuals such as the elderly, etc., avoid spreading the disease to others.

*Registration of infected persons, health observation, delivery of daily life support supplies, and operation of residential treatment facilities will end on May 7th.

Support for facilities for the elderly, etc.

○ Continue to provide various types of support to protect those at high risk of serious illness.

<Details of main supports provided>

Thorough infection control measures

- ◆ Sending specialized support teams for infection control in facilities
- ◆ Support for environmental improvements to prevent infection
 - Renovations required to convert multi-bed rooms to private rooms, installation of simple negative pressure devices, zoning, etc.
- ◆ Carry out thorough inspections of workers when infections are spreading, etc.

Strengthening cooperation with medical institutions and ensuring a system of care and treatment

- ◆ Support for expenses necessary for in-facility care
 - Expenses for securing care personnel, restoring work environment, or dispatching support
 - Up to 300,000 yen per person undergoing treatment
- ◆ Support for expenses necessary to provide medical care for in-facility treatment

} Provide support

Vaccination

○Free vaccinations have been extended to the end of March 2024.

Eligible persons/vaccination period

(※) First vaccination: first time, second time vaccination

◆Those who are five years old or older and have received the first vaccination ※

	May 8, 2023~	September 1, 2023.	~March 31, 2024
Those who are 65 years old or older	○		
Those with underlying diseases	○		
Those working at medical and nursing care facilities, etc.	○		○
Others than the above	Not eligible		

Those who are 5-11 years old and have not yet been vaccinated with Omicron strain-compatible vaccines can be vaccinated after May 8th.

◆Those who have not yet received their first vaccination → Can be vaccinated at any time until the end of March 2024.

Kyoto Prefectural COVID-19 Vaccine (COVID-19) Adverse Reaction Consultation Center

075-414-5490 (Everyday 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.) *Foreign languages available

○The following measures will be implemented to reduce the burden on the patient of medical expenses, etc.

Special measures for the period from May 8th through the end of September

Expenses for hospitalization	<p>High-cost medical care system (※)</p> <p>Up to 20,000 yen reduction in maximum co-payment amount</p> <p>（※If the amount of medical expenses paid at medical institutions or pharmacies exceeds the maximum amount in a month, the excess amount will be reimbursed. (Medical expenses do not include the cost of meals, high grade bed rooms, etc. at the time of hospitalization.)</p>
Expenses for medicine	<p>All new COVID-19 medicines are publicly funded.*</p> <p>*Procedure fees such as prescription fees are not included.</p>

○ Change to the reporting from fixed-point medical institutions regarding COVID-19 infection cases

New infection cases

Content	New infection cases per each designated medical institution
Announcement timing	Once a week (new infection cases for a week from Monday through Sunday to be announced on the following Friday) ※The infection cases for the week of May 8 th to 14 th to be announced on Friday, May 19 th .
How to be announced	Announced on the websites of the national and prefectural governments

Death toll

◆ Scheduled to be announced in the population statistics compiled by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare based on death reports.

※Publication of the status of PCR and other tests, the status of persons receiving treatment, and the status of hospital beds, etc., on the prefectural website will end on May 7th.

Measures based on the basic implementation policy

The programs based on the Special Law and basic implementation Policy will be terminated.

The following programs will be terminated on 7th May

◆ **Restrictions on organizing events**

→ No longer required to organize a check sheet, or to arrange publication and safety planning for an event.

◆ **Certified outlets system**

→ Providing a partition or maintaining relevant distancing will be at the discretion of business owners.

◆ **Outlets with a sticker showing their promotion of following the guidelines**

◆ **Call center regarding the guidelines**

Basic prevention measures

Any decisions to do with the prevention measures will be at the discretion of the individual, or the business owner, however, COVID-19 being downgraded to the lowest category does not mean that the virus is going away.

Please stay alert and practice basic prevention measures such as washing hands and ventilating enclosed spaces.

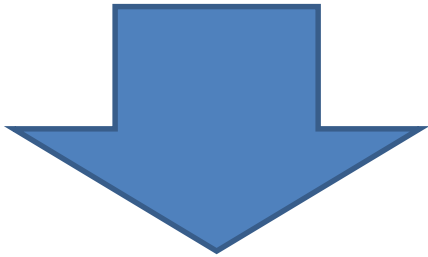
Measures that are still relevant

※ (Communications from Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare dated 31st March, 2023)

- ◆ To prevent the infection of the elderly or people at high risk of serious illness, wearing of a mask is recommended.
- ◆ Washing hands or hand sanitizing and ventilation
- ◆ For the elderly or those at high risk of serious illness, during peak infection times we ask that you please avoid:
 - Places without frequent ventilation
 - Busy places where lots of people will meet/gather
 - Talking without appropriate physical distancing

New system in response to the downgrade to Category 5

- The Kyoto prefectural taskforce headquarters driven by the law will no longer be operated in response to the downgrade to Category 5.



In response to...

- ① Gradual shift of medical provision
- ② Preparation for another surge in infections

- A new system in which the governor of Kyoto Prefecture leads to conduct measures against COVID-19 will be established.

Organization name: Kyoto Prefectural COVID-19 Infection Communication Headquarters

Operation period: From Monday 8th May, 2023 until the foreseeable future

- The committee of experts which gathers opinions from diverse specialists will continue its operations.