

COVID-19 Infections

**Adjustments in response to the change
in classification to Category 5**



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Fundamental national policy

【Revision of the medical care provision system】 (It was decided by the governmental task force meeting on March 10th, 2023)

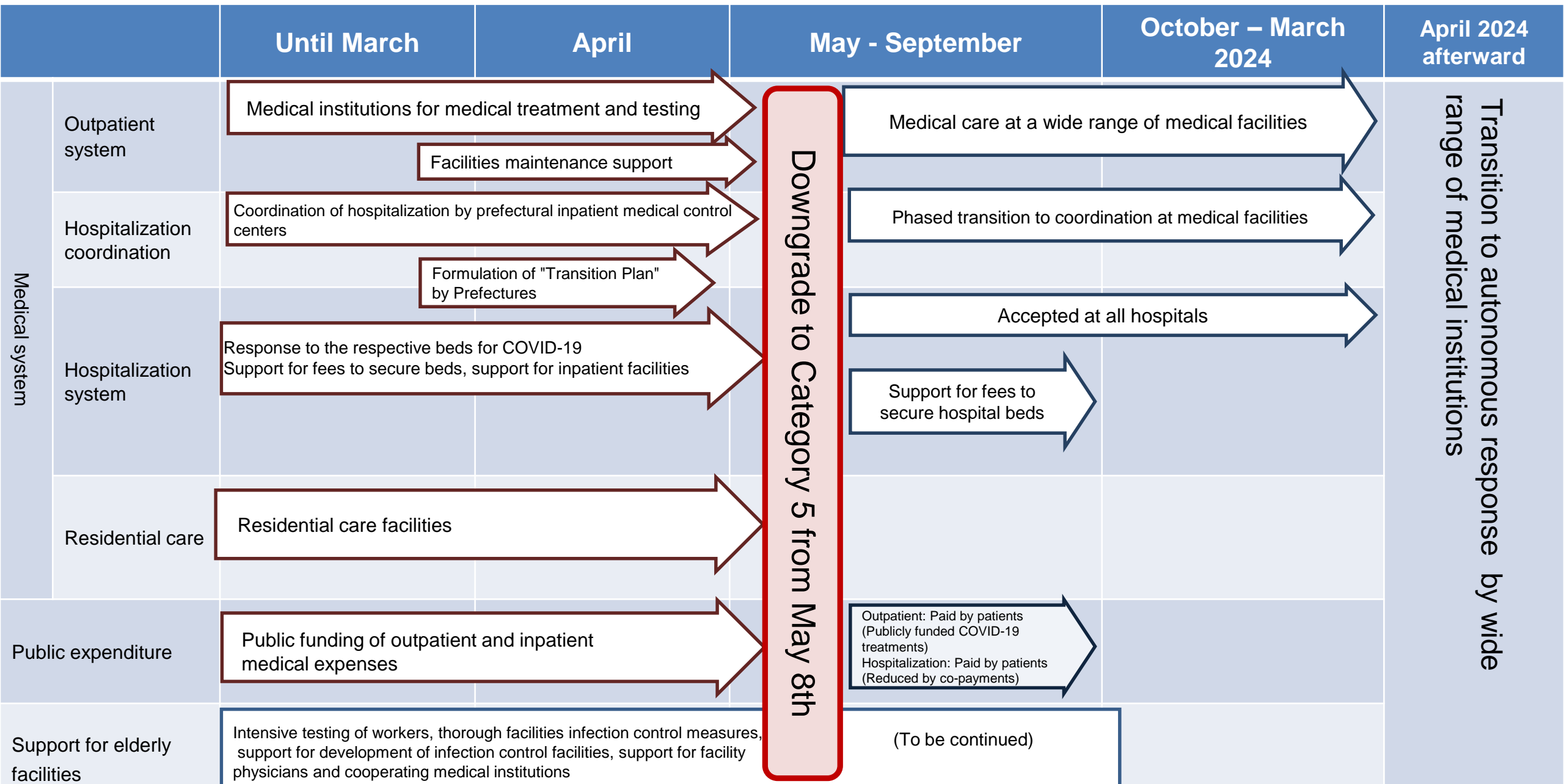
- Shifting from a special response by a limited number of medical institutions with administrative involvement, to a regular autonomous response by a wide range of medical institutions
- In addition to the continued support of current medical institutions, we will focus on efforts to encourage the participation of additional medical institutions.
- Strongly encourage the maintenance and expansion of corresponding medical institutions through the formulation of "transition plans" carried out by each prefecture, and support for equipment development, etc.
- The coordination of hospitalizations, including the securing of hospital beds, has been moved from being coordinated by the government to a system based on coordination among medical institutions, in which medical institutions determine the need for hospitalization as they do for other illnesses.

【Other related measures】 (It was decided by the governmental task force meeting on January 27th, 2023)

- With the downgrade to a Category 5 infectious disease, the various measures implemented under the Special Measures Law, such as requesting cooperation from residents and businesses, etc. regarding infection control measures, will be terminated.

National policy in response to the downgrade to Category 5 ⓘ

(Decided by the governmental task force meeting held on January 27th, and March 10th)



National policy in response to the downgrade to Category 5 ②

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	Until March	April	May ~ September	October ~ March 2024
Consultation	Health Follow-up Center (*), COVID-19 Medical Consultation		(To be continued)	*Among the functions of the Health Follow-Up Center, registration of infected persons and health observations are terminated. Consultations in case of a sudden change in health condition will continue.
Understanding of infection trends	Identification and publication of all new infections		Tracking of infection trends by fixed-point medical institutions	
	Identification of mutant strains (genome testing)		(To be continued)	
Vaccine	Municipal vaccinations		(2023 = twice a year for senior citizens, etc., and once a year for the general public)	
Others (projects for prefectural residents and businesses, etc.)	Third-party certification system for restaurants			
	Event limitations			

Downgrade to Category 5 from May 8th

◆ In addition, implementations such as "Guideline Promotion Declaration Business Sticker Project", "Call Center for Guidelines," national travel supports, etc. are to be considered.

The following programs will be terminated or will reduce their operations by the end of March

As of today's task force meeting, the following is decided.

Program	Status	Reasoning
Free testing for asymptomatic persons	Will be terminated	Increase in availability and accessibility of testing kits
COVID-19 specific waiting sites for hospitalization		Decrease in number of admissions Moving forward, admissions will be widely accepted at medical institutions.
Vaccination sites operated by Kyoto Prefecture		Vaccination sites will be run by municipalities
Recuperative accommodation	Will be reduced (From three facilities to one facility intensively)	Decrease in the number of admissions