

Response to COVID-19 starting April 2024 ①

1 Healthcare Delivery System

-March 31st, 2024

April 1st, 2024-

Outpatient care

Medical treatment and examination at medical facilities accepting outpatients

Inpatient care

Securing hospital beds mainly for severely ill patients

Inpatient coordination

Coordination of all patients across medical institutions
(all prefectural hospitalization coordination frameworks have been completed)

Patient costs coverage

Public financial support for COVID-19 medications
10,000 yen reduction from the copayment limit for high-cost medical expenses of hospitalization

2 Testing, Consultation and Recovery Systems

Consultation

Establishment of health consultation call center

Widespread transition to general medical services

Transition to hospitalization in a form not dependent on secured beds

Public financial support for COVID-19 medications and hospitalization medical expenses to end and costs will be borne according to the copayment ratio of medical insurance
High-cost medical care benefit system will be applied in the same way as it is for all other illnesses

No longer available

The COVID-19 Call Center operated by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare will continue to be available

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3 Support for Elderly Facilities, etc.

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Dispatch of cluster response teams, etc.
Frequent testing of facility staff and residents

No longer available

4 Vaccination

Vaccination cost coverage

Free vaccination (public funded)

Free vaccination scheme ends
Shift to routine vaccinations for people aged 65+
Vaccination costs to be paid in part by the individual

5 Response to the public

Assessment of pandemic status

Fixed-point medical institutions monitor the number of patients once a week (same as for influenza)

Announcement of status

Prefectural government announces the number of patients at fixed-point medical institutions once a week (same as for influenza)

Basic infection control

Individuals and businesses engage in voluntary infection prevention measures