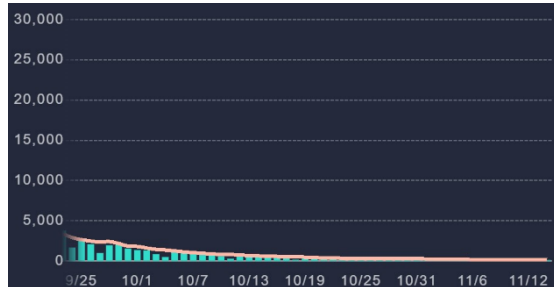


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Current Situation in Japan

Test positives nationally:



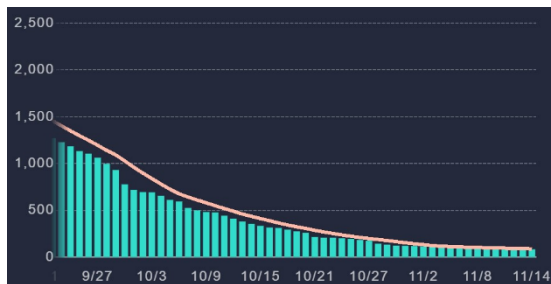
Infections continue to decline with national new cases trending at below 200 per day. Total active cases (those infected but as yet unrecovered) have fallen to below 2,000 and fewer than 100 COVID19 patients remain in intensive care beds.

National Reproduction Rate – (R 0.95)



The popular though sometimes controversial “go-to” travel scheme appears set to recommence from February, though in a modified form. Initial indications are that participants may be required to demonstrate vaccination status or a negative COVID19 test. Subsidies are likely to be capped at 13,000 yen per night as previously the scheme was criticized for disproportionately benefiting higher end hotels.

Critical Illness (Nationwide)- daily total



Mortality (Nationwide) – daily



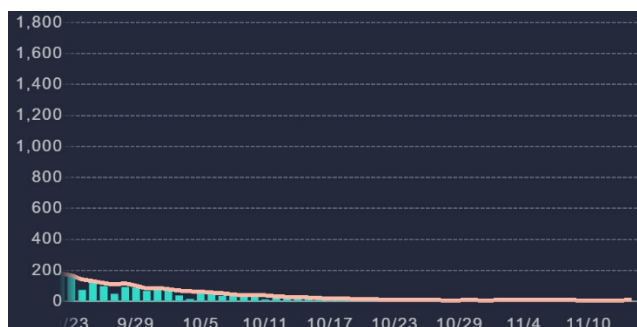
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Current Situation in Tokyo & the Kanto Region

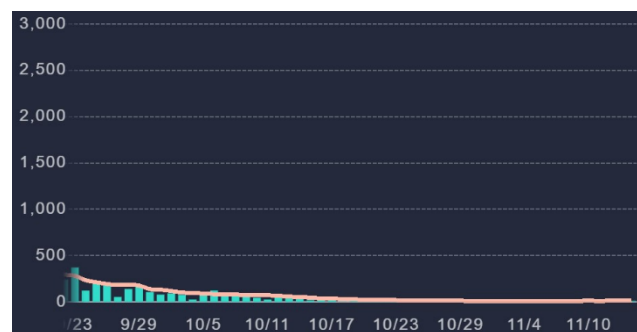
Tokyo daily cases (R 1.15)



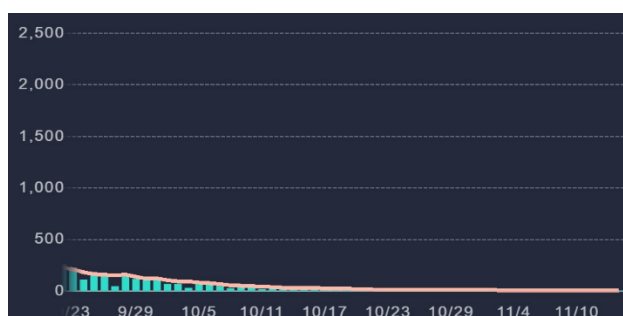
Chiba prefecture (R .95)



Kanagawa prefecture (R 1.18)



Saitama prefecture (R 1.45)

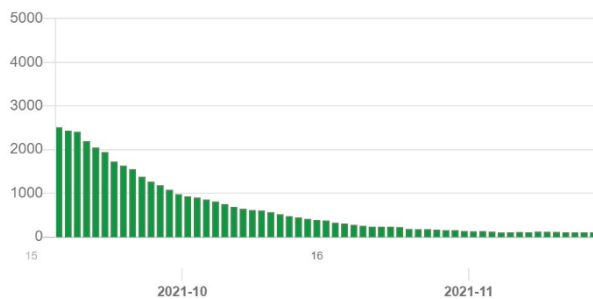


Tokyo has now reported fewer than 50 new COVID19 cases per day for over a month. Despite the relaxation of rules on dining hours and the consumption of alcohol, there has yet to be any meaningful resurgence in infections. At the peak of the 4th and 5th waves, 20 deaths were reported on most days, this now having declined to three deaths in the past week.

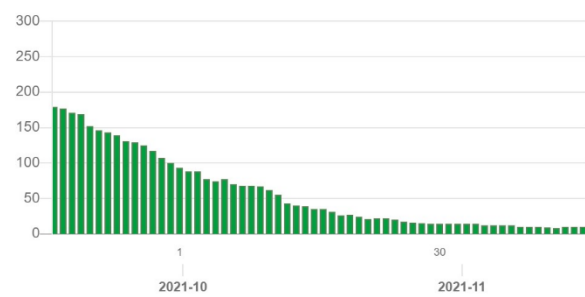
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Hospital Care and Testing in Tokyo

Number of hospital patients



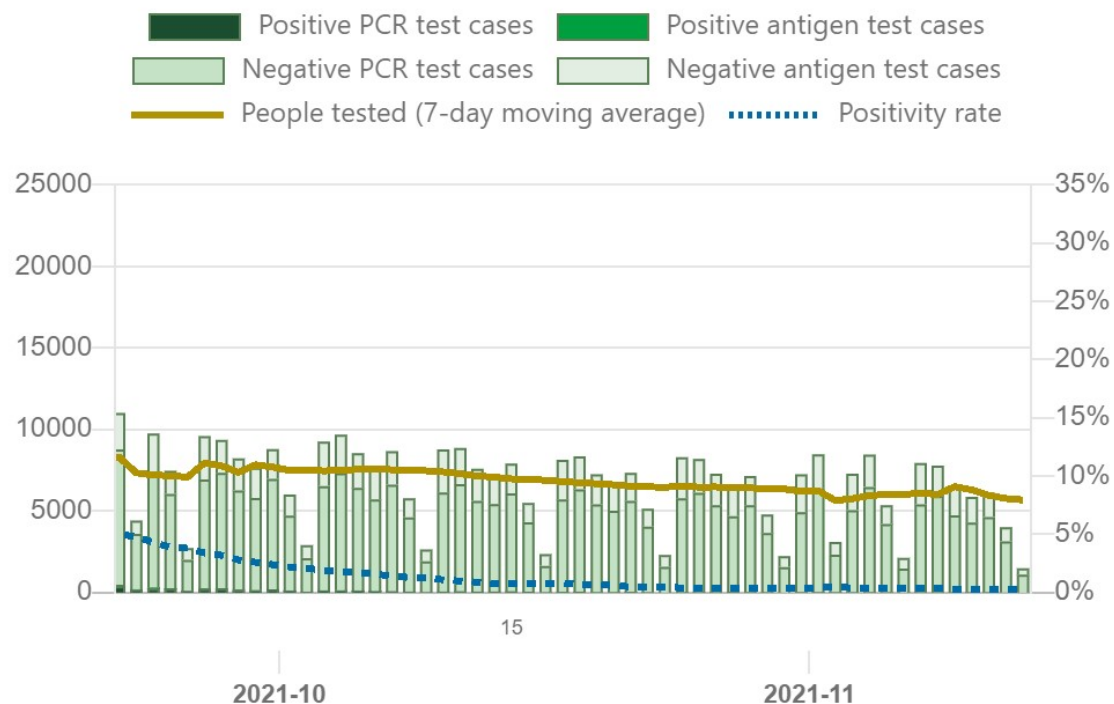
Number of critically ill patients



Hospital bed occupancy continues to decline and bed numbers allocated to the care of COVID19 patients are being gradually reduced. Presently 107 out of 4,834 (2.2%) of designated beds are occupied. 34 beds have been redesignated to non-COVID19 care in the past week.

10 of 356 available intensive care beds are now reported to be occupied (2.8%). Available critical care bed capacity has been reduced by 10 over the past week.

Testing for COVID 19



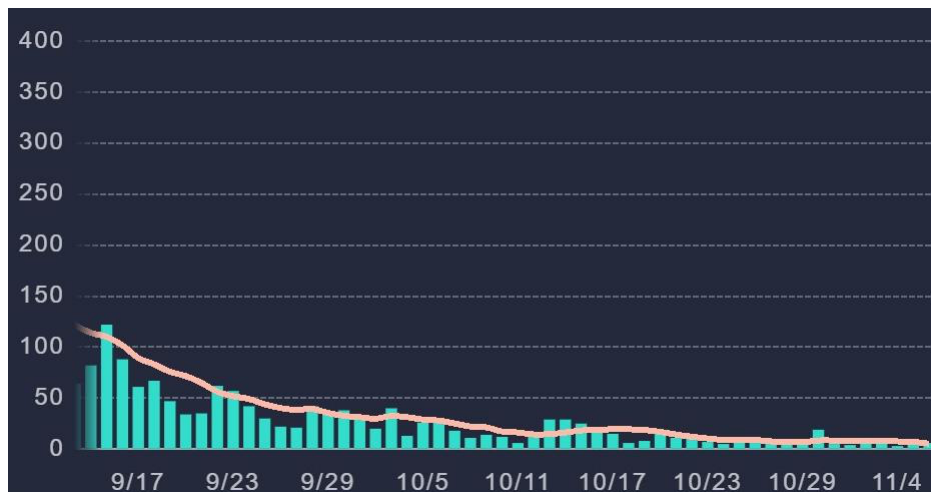
The rate of positive tests continues to decline gradually and now stands at 0.3%. The number of daily tests (excluding large numbers of screening tests on healthy people performed by individuals and companies) has declined a little over the past week and now stands at approximately 5-6,000 per day.

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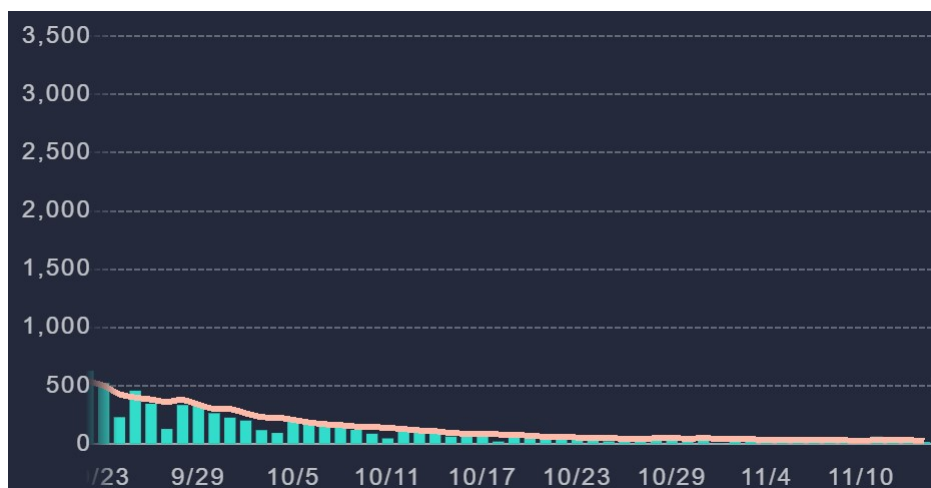
Regional Situation

Case numbers remain low and stable across all parts of the country with many rural prefectures are now reporting no new cases on most days. Iwate prefecture has now extended its run of zero infection days to a month. Okinawa was one of the worse affected prefectures for several months earlier this year but reported only a single new infection on both the 13th and 14th of November.

Aichi (R .85)



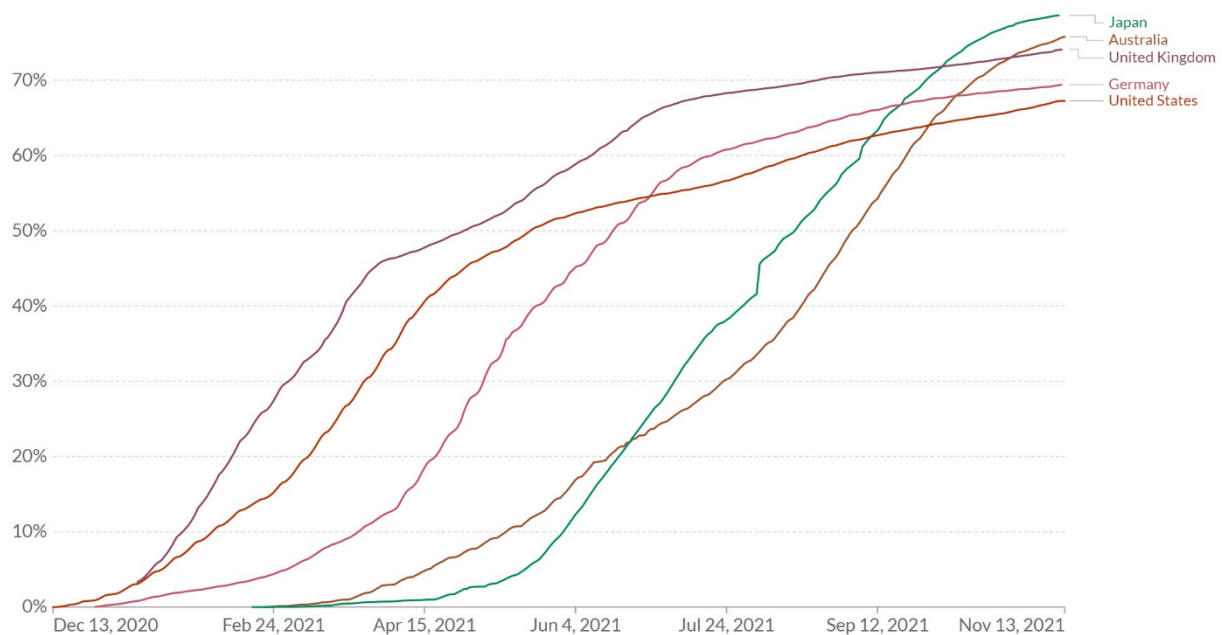
Osaka (R 0.94)



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COVID-19 Vaccination in Japan

Vaccine doses administered (cumulative, nationwide, percentage)



78.9% of the population have now received at least one dose of a COVID19 vaccine and 75.6% are fully vaccinated. Booster (third dose) vaccinations will commence on the 1st of December, and the health ministry now permits local governments to administer shots to anyone age 18 or above 6 months after the second dose of their initial series. Formerly this interval had been set at 8 months. Initially only Pfizer vaccine will be used, so people who had Moderna or Astra Zenica for their initial series vaccines will receive a mixed course.

Vaccines administered (7-day average of daily doses given)



Further details of the government's plans are available on the website of the Prime Minister's office: <https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/headline/kansensho/vaccine.html>

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References and Resources

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<https://www.stopcovid19.jp/#Tokyo>

<https://www3.nhk.or.jp/news/special/coronavirus/vaccine/progress/> ***Resources***

How to get help if you suspect that you have COVID19 (Tokyo residents)

<https://stopcovid19.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/en/flow>

FAQ: How foreign residents can get coronavirus vaccinations in Japan

<https://mainichi.jp/english/articles/20210212/p2a/00m/0na/046000c>