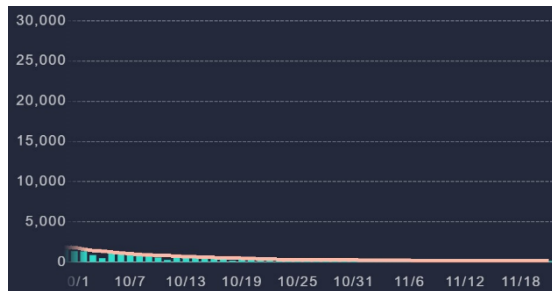


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Current Situation in Japan

Test positives nationally:



Infections continue to decline with new cases (national) trending at below 200 per day. Over the past month cases have continued to fall:

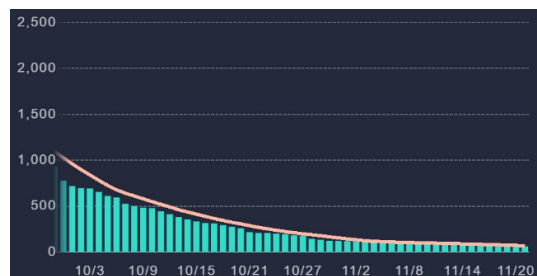


National Reproduction Rate – (R 0.85)

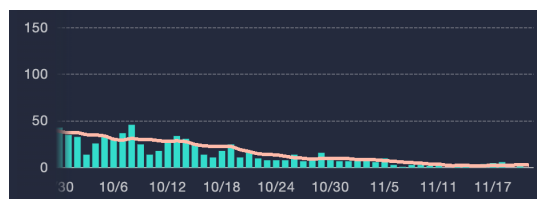


Cases seen in Europe continue to surge and in the US, levels of infection remain high (trending at almost 100,000 per day). As a result, liberalization of inbound travel into Japan may face opposition from sections of the population who continue to perceive travelers from overseas as being a substantial risk.

Critical Illness (Nationwide)- daily total



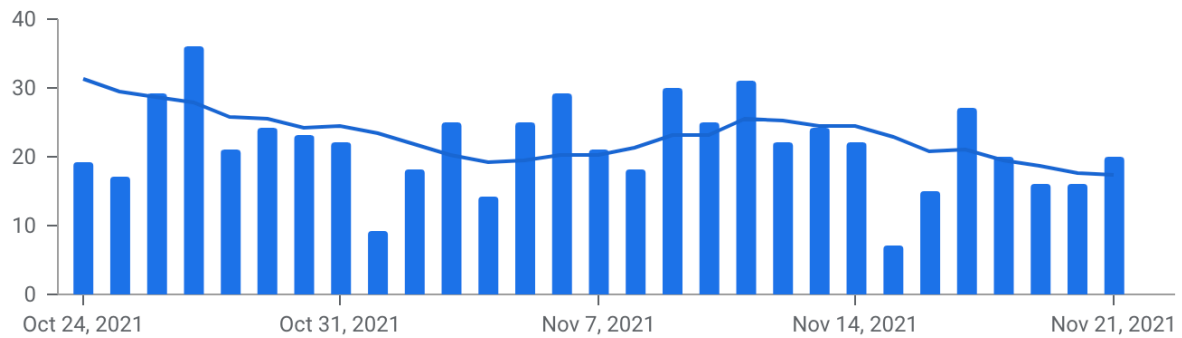
Mortality (Nationwide) – daily total



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Tokyo and the surrounding Kanto region

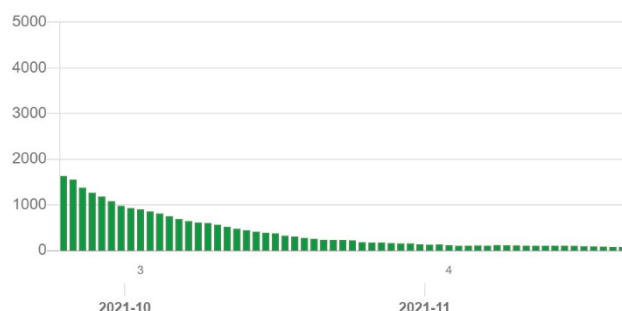
Tokyo Daily infections, past 30 days (R 0.78)



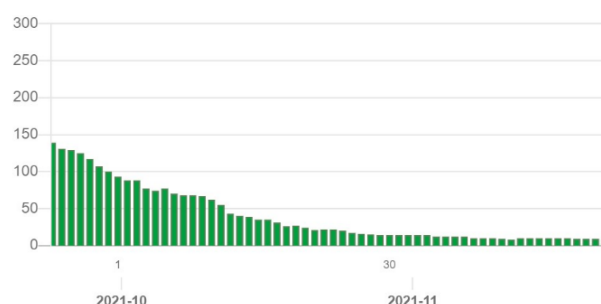
Infections continue to occur at a very low rate – following an apparent slight uptick in the level of contagion in the first few days of November, the case number has once again dropped and is now trending at below 20/day (7-day average). Yesterday (Monday 22nd) saw only 6 new infections reported in the capital, the lowest daily total in almost 18 months. Similarly low rates of contagion are occurring in surrounding prefectures (Kanagawa, Saitama and Chiba).

Hospital Care and Testing in Tokyo

Number of hospital patients.

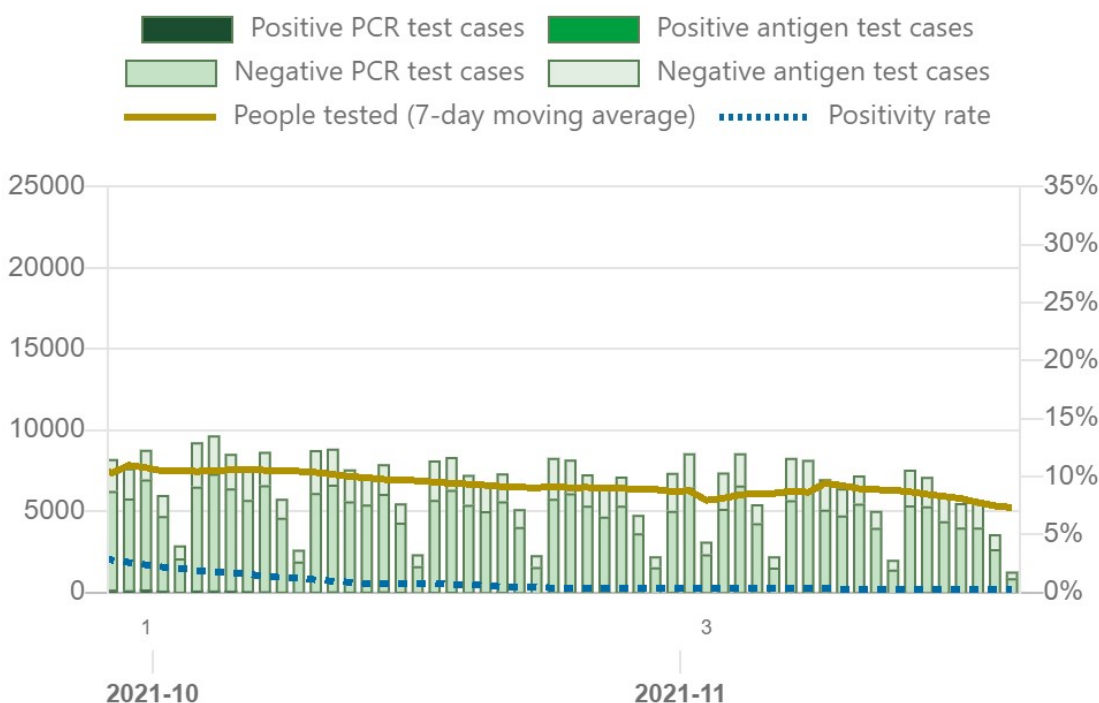


Number of critically ill patients



Hospital bed occupancy continues to decline and presently 82 out of 4,823 (1.7%) of designated beds are occupied. 8 of 356 available intensive care beds are now reported to be occupied (2.2%). Numbers of routine care and intensive care beds designated for COVID 19 patients have been maintained at the same level over the past week (no reduction in available capacity).

Testing for COVID 19

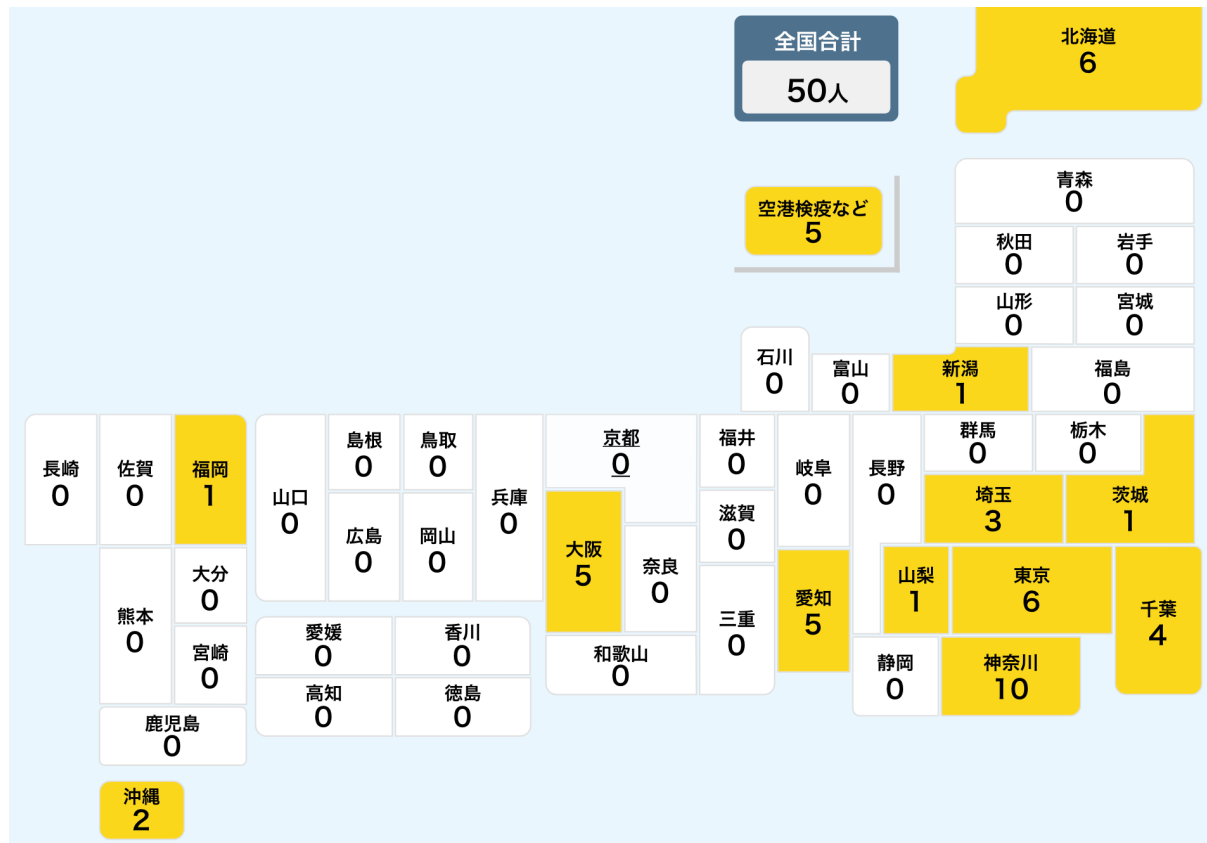


The rate of positive tests remains low and stable at 0.3%. The number of daily tests (excluding large numbers of screening tests on healthy people performed by individuals and companies) continues to decline gradually and now stands at approximately 5-6,000 per day.

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Regional Situation

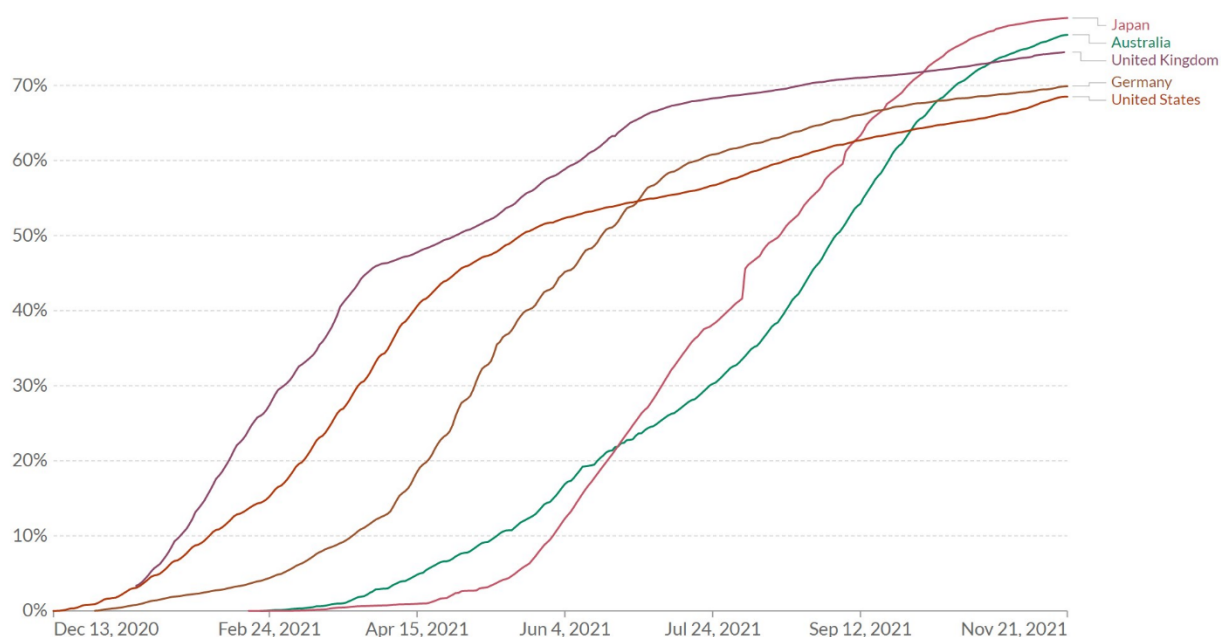
Case numbers remain low and stable across all parts of the country with many rural prefectures are now reporting no new cases on the majority days. The small numbers of infections occurring outside of the Kanto region are mostly being reported in Osaka and Hokkaido:



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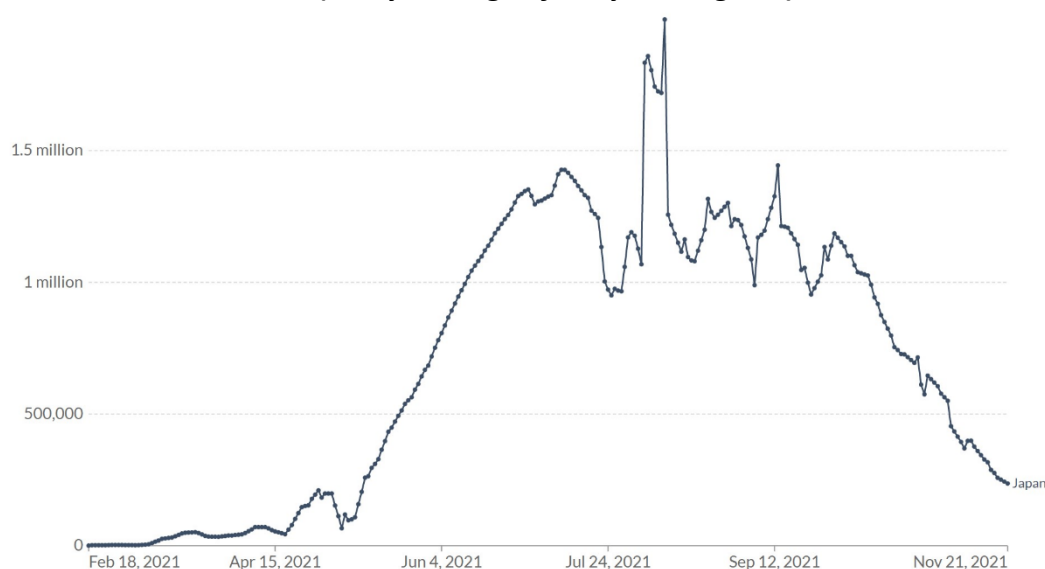
COVID-19 Vaccination in Japan

Vaccine doses administered (cumulative, nationwide, percentage)



79% of the population have now received at least one dose of a COVID19 vaccine and 77% are fully vaccinated. Booster vaccines administration will commence on the 1st of December with local health authorities allowed to determine when to invite individuals for boosters – at the earliest, 6 months after their second vaccine and at the latest, 8 months after. The health ministry is considering Pfizer's application to approve a single low dose immunization for children aged 5 to 11, with the possibility that vaccination might start in February.

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

Reported Caseload Graphs and data sourced from MHLW as reported by Toyo Keizai and the Tokyo metropolitan government –

<https://toyokeizai.net/sp/visual/tko/covid19/en.html> <https://stopcovid19.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/en/>

<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>