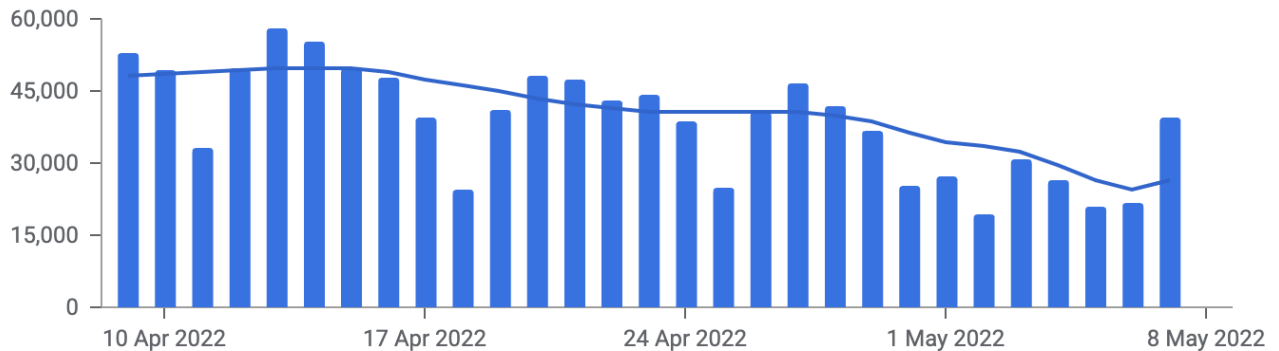


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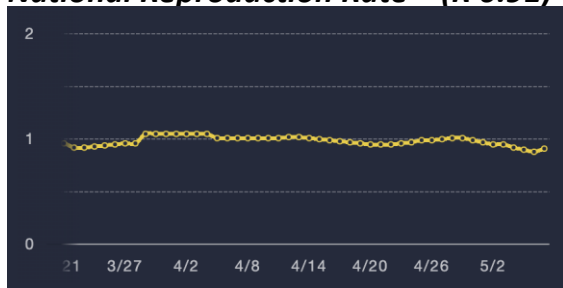
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Current Situation – Japan

Japan - daily Infections (past 30 days)

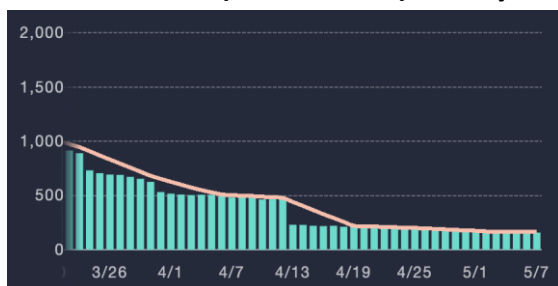


National Reproduction Rate – (R 0.91)



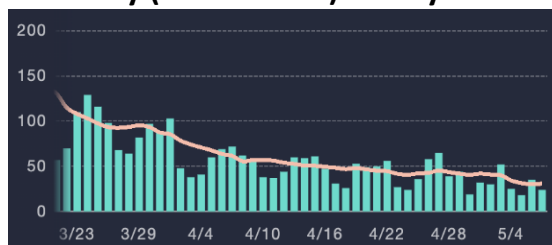
Infections continue to fall though are still being detected at a rate of close to 30,000 per day, down from daily peaks of close to 100,000 in February of this year. Mortality and critical illness rates remain low and stable as the pressure exerted on medical infrastructure lifts.

Critical Illness (Nationwide) – daily total



The government has announced tentative plans to normalize international travel by allowing small groups of tourists to enter the country from the end of this month. This is envisaged as a pilot scheme which would better inform any subsequent increase in the number of travelers later in the year. While acknowledging that Japan is out of step with other G7 nations, prime minister Kishida spoke of a gradual step-wise process rather than aiming for a date on which inbound travel would resume without restriction.

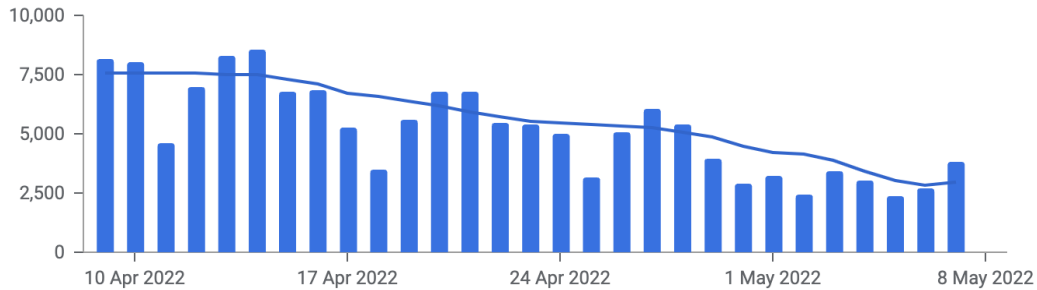
Mortality (Nationwide) – daily total



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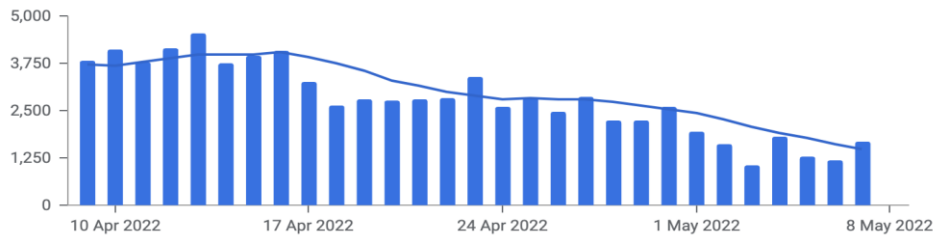
Tokyo and the surrounding Kanto region

Tokyo daily infections, past 30 days (R 0.94)

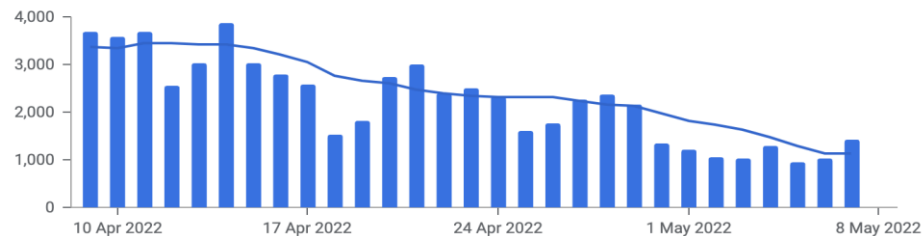


The rate of new infections in Tokyo continues to decline. Although a small uptick in the underlying trend has occurred, this is most likely to be due to delays in diagnosis and reporting following the golden week holiday period. Reported daily infections are trending at about 3,000, down from a 6th wave peak of 18,000 (early February).

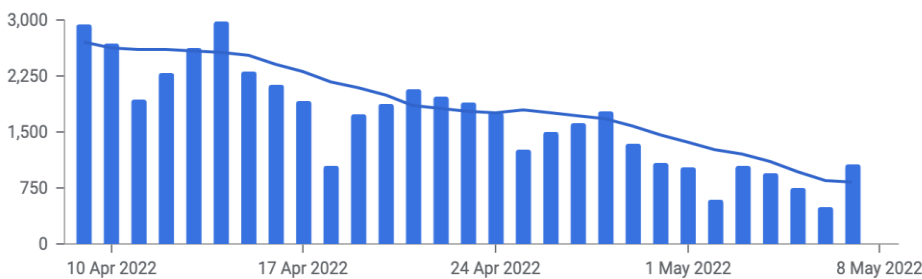
Kanagawa daily infections, past 30 days (R 0.96)



Saitama daily infections, past 30 days (R 0.95)



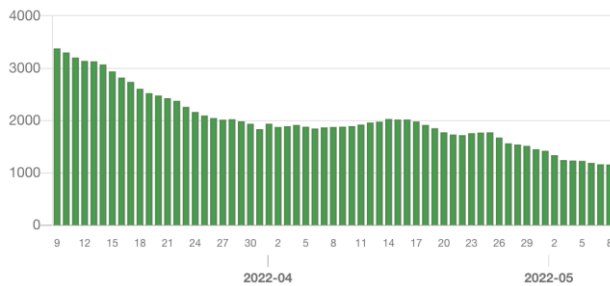
Chiba daily infections, past 30 days (R 0.95)



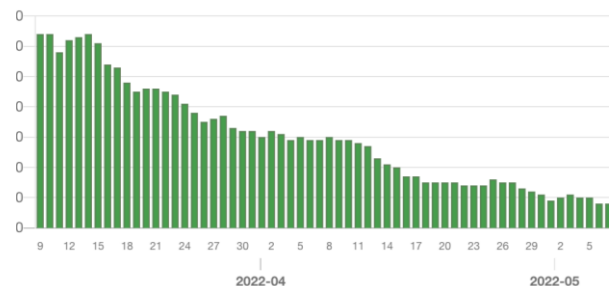
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Hospital Care and Testing in Tokyo

Number of hospital patients

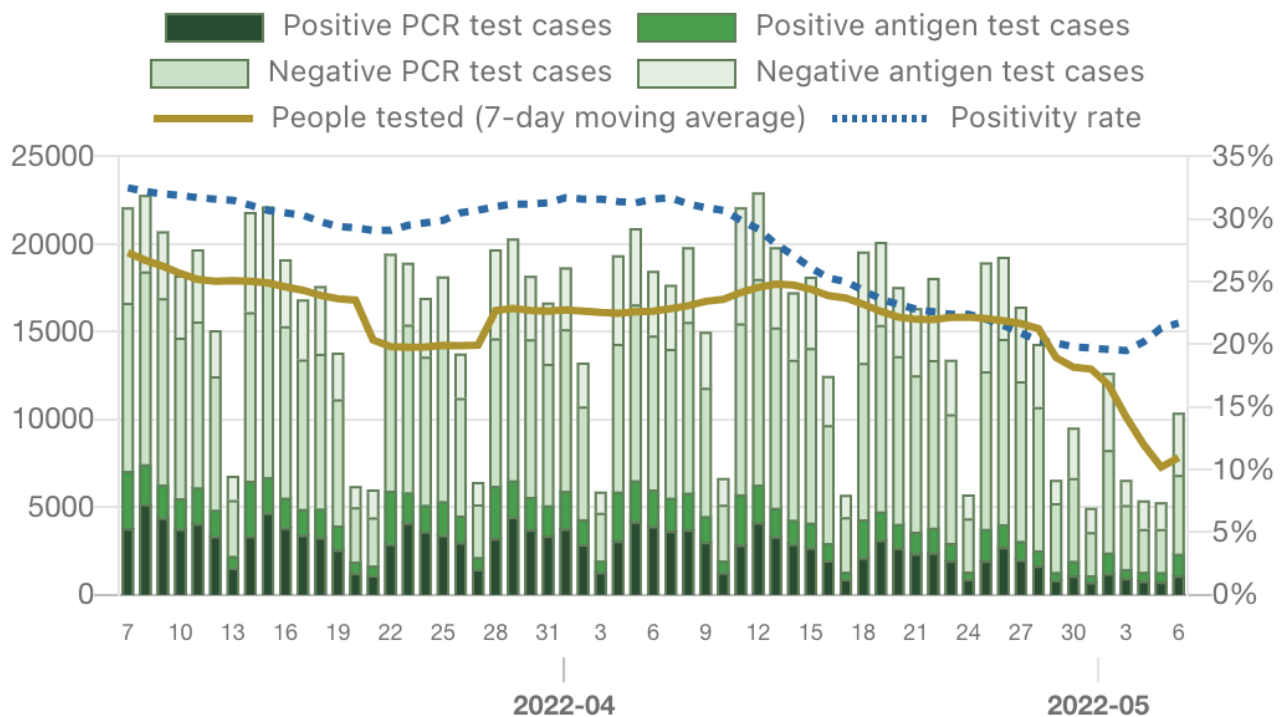


Number of critically ill patients



Hospital bed occupancy continues to decline and is now at 15.6% (1125 of 7229 beds in use). Intensive care occupancy has also fallen to 1.6% (8 out of 510) of beds being occupied at present. Numbers of regular ward and intensive care beds allocated for COVID 19 care have still not been reduced.

Testing for COVID 19



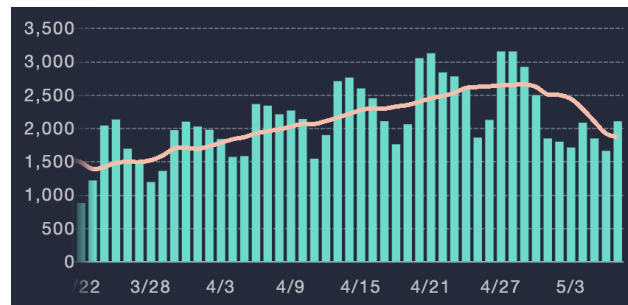
There has been a sharp reduction in the frequency of testing over the past two weeks, perhaps reflecting a gradual relaxation in societal attitudes to the dangers of COVID19. Access over the holiday period may be a further factor. As the number of tests being run has approximately halved, with no reduction in the proportion of positive results, it is likely that the true number of circulating infections will be under-reported, with increasing numbers of mild cases going undetected.

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Regional Situation

Hokkaido (R 0.91)

Positive cases in Hokkaido have declined since the end of the peak skiing season. However, it should be noted that those under 40 years old are the majority who test positive for covid-19 (as shown by the chart below on daily positive cases).

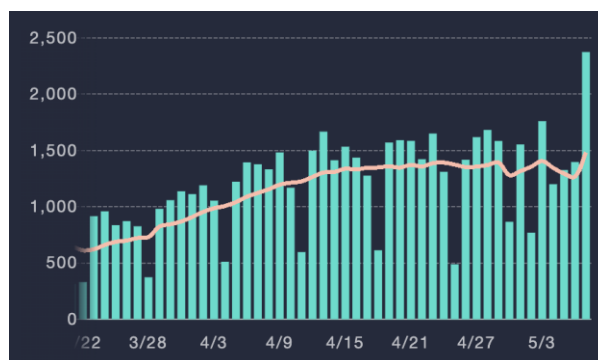


<年代ごとの陽性者数>

公表日	区分	10歳未満	10歳代	20歳代	30歳代	40歳代	50歳代	60歳代	70歳代	80歳代	90歳代以上	非公表	日計
2022-05-08	全道分	486	573	531	465	448	222	133	82	62	28	85	3115
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Okinawa (R 1.04)

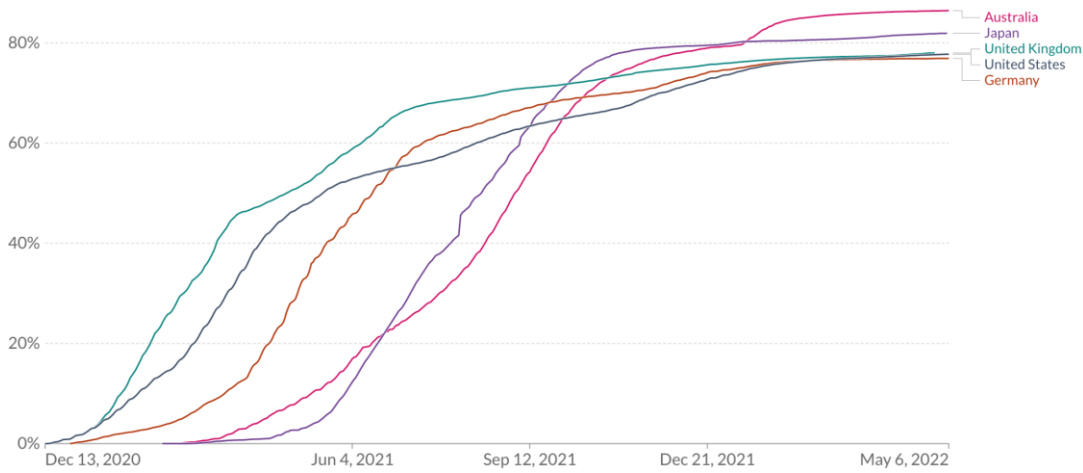
Cases in Okinawa have risen sharply since May 7th, after the Golden Week holidays. It was the first time for daily positive cases to rise above 2000.



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COVID 19 Vaccinations in Japan

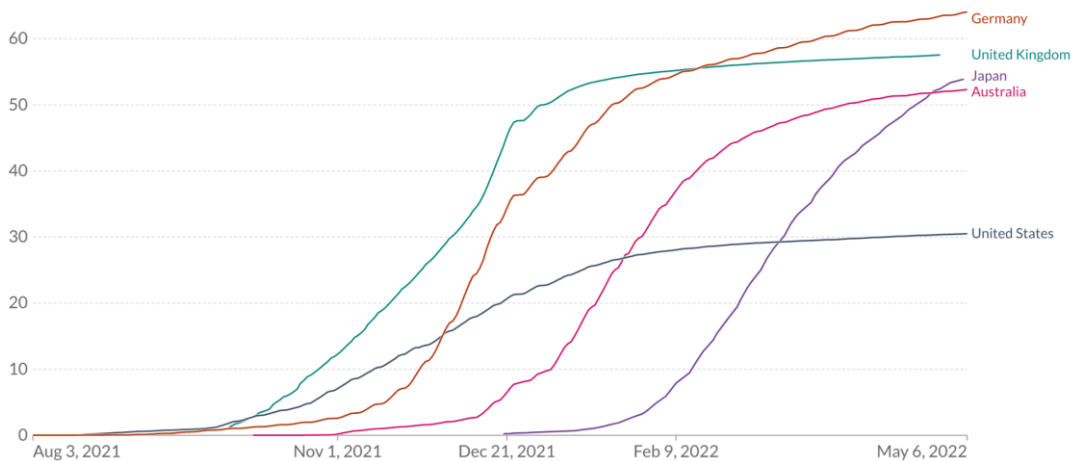
Vaccine doses administered (cumulative, nationwide, percentages)



Second booster vaccines (dose 4) will commence from the end of this month. They will be provided to people aged 18 or above who have pre-existing medical conditions or are obese (BMI of above 30) and will be offered universally to people over 60. The minimum interval between 3rd and 4th vaccines has been set at 5 months and as before, health authority issued vouchers (yet to be released) will be required.

Uptake of 3rd dose (first booster) vaccines has reached 88% in people over 65 and 54.7% across the population. Only 13.9% of children aged 5-11 have had at least one vaccine, uptake in this age cohort being far below that in older age groups.

Booster (3rd) vaccine doses administered (cumulative, nationwide, percentages)



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