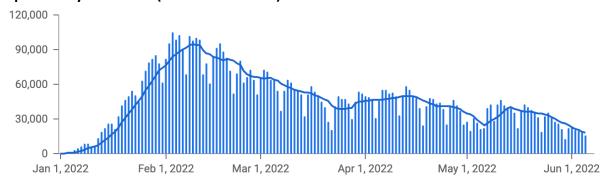
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## Current Situation – Japan

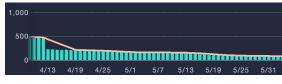
#### Japan - daily Infections (since 1st Jan 2022)



#### National Reproduction Rate - (R 0.90)



#### Critical Illness (Nationwide)- daily total



#### Mortality (Nationwide) – daily total

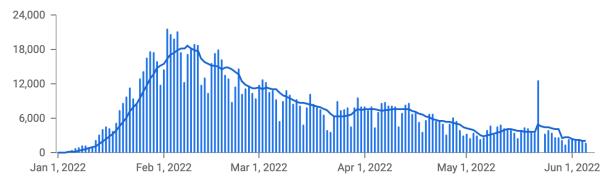


Rates of contagion continue to decline with new infections falling to below 20,000 per day. When seen in combination with low, stable rates of intensive care occupancy and low, falling mortality, this suggests that the 6<sup>th</sup> wave is ending. However, as infection occur predominantly in younger adults and children, it is likely that COVID19 will circulate as an endemic infection for months or years to come or may resurge should further variants emerge.

Border restrictions continue to be eased with those arriving from many countries no longer required to test after landing. Predeparture PCR testing is still required, and the total number of people allowed to enter Japan remains capped at 20,000 per day. Small groups of escorted tourists will be allowed to visit Japan from the end of this week.

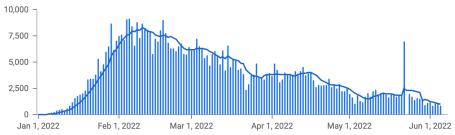
## Tokyo and the surrounding Kanto region

### Tokyo daily infections, since 1st Jan 2022 (R 0.91)

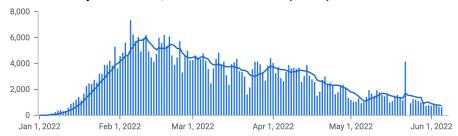


Infections in Tokyo and the surrounding region continue to fall, though persist at about 2,000 per day in the capital, with the daily total for the entire Kanto region being closer to 5,000. About two thirds of cases in the capital are being detected in people under 40, with 9.4% occurring in people aged over 60.

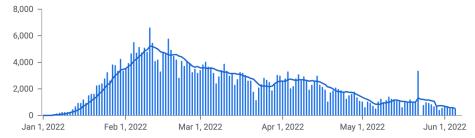
## Kanagawa daily infections, since 1st Jan 2022 (R 0.88)



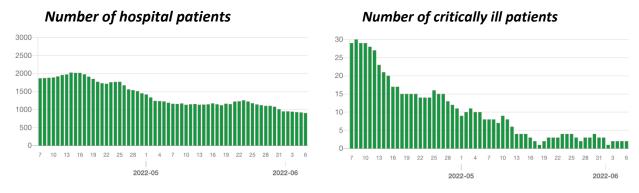
### Saitama daily infections, since 1st Jan 2022 (R 0.9)



### Chiba daily infections, since 1st Jan 2022 (R 0.89)



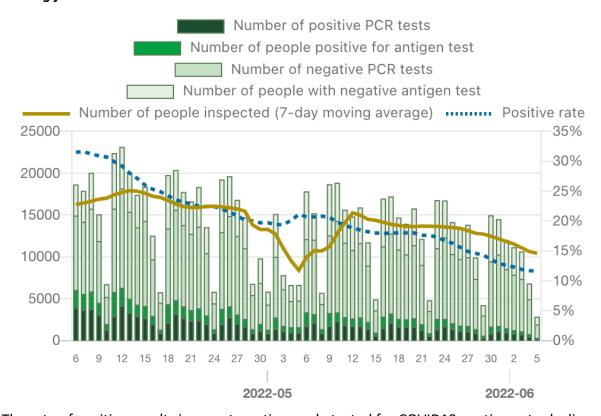
### Hospital Care and Testing in Tokyo



Hospital bed occupancy is falling and is now at 17.9% (902 of 5,029 beds in use). Beds reserved for COVID19 patients since the start of the year are rapidly being freed up for routine care, with over 2,000 re-purposed over the past three weeks. As cases fall, it appears that sufficient beds will be ring-fenced for COVID19 cases to maintain occupancy at below 20%.

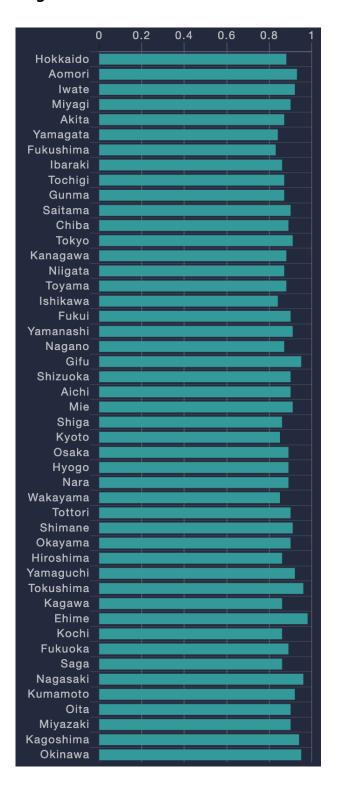
Intensive care occupancy remains very low and well within capacity, 0.7% (2 out of 277) of beds being occupied at present. The number ICU beds dedicated to COVID19 care has almost halved from a peak of 510.

#### Testing for COVID 19



The rate of positive results in symptomatic people tested for COVID19 continues to decline and now stands at 11.6%, meaning that other respiratory infections significantly outnumber COVID19 cases.

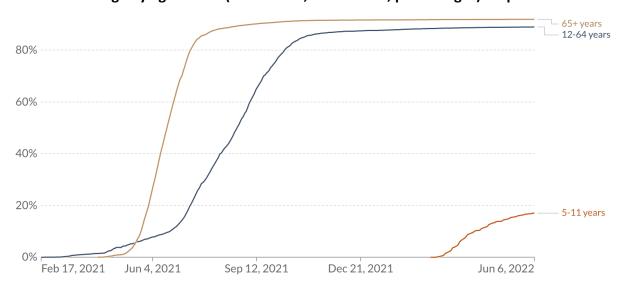
## **Regional Situation**



All 47 prefectures are currently reporting relative reproduction rates of below 1.0, meaning that infections are falling across the whole country. Okinawa continues to record the highest number of cases and is still detecting over 1,000 new cases a day. This still represents a substantial reduction as compared to the middle of May, when daily totals routinely exceeded 2,000 infections.

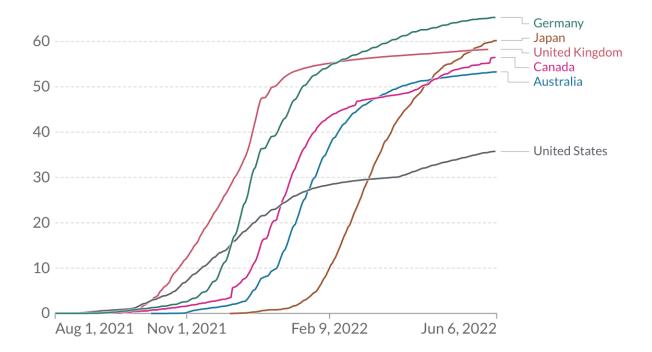
## **COVID 19 Vaccinations in Japan**

#### Vaccine coverage by age cohort (cumulative, nationwide, percentages) - Japan



Vaccination coverage in adults and children aged 12 and above is high by international standards. However, despite good availability of pediatric (age 5-11) Pfizer vaccine, uptake in this cohort remains low and is only rising slowly. It seems unlikely that meaningful coverage will be achieved in this age group, as parents become less concerned about the consequences of infection.

# Booster (3<sup>rd</sup>) vaccine doses administered (cumulative, by country, percentages)



## **References and Resources**

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FAQ: How foreign residents can get coronavirus vaccinations in Japan

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