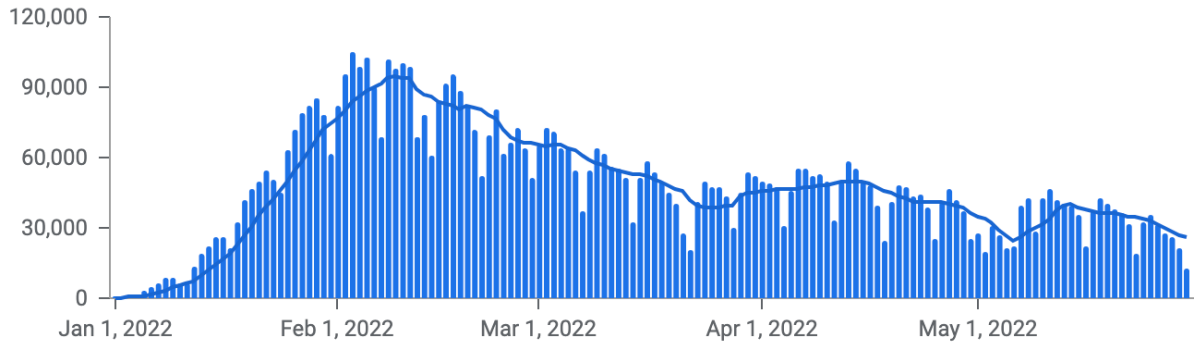


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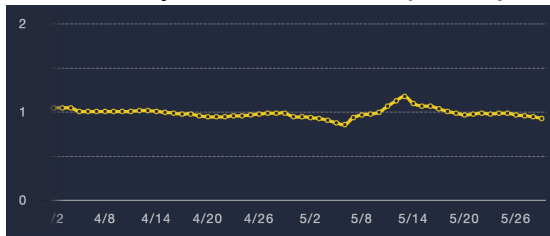
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Current Situation – Japan

Japan - daily Infections (Jan 1st 2022 to present)



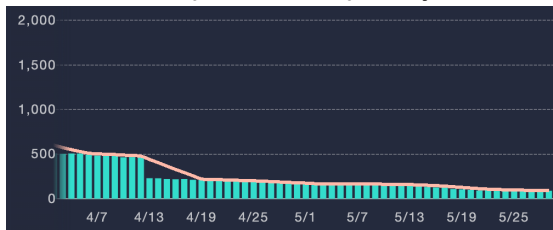
National Reproduction Rate – (R 0.93)



New daily infections continue to fall slowly, though are still occurring at over 20,000. However, severe cases, as assessed by mortality and intensive care admission, are increasingly rare.

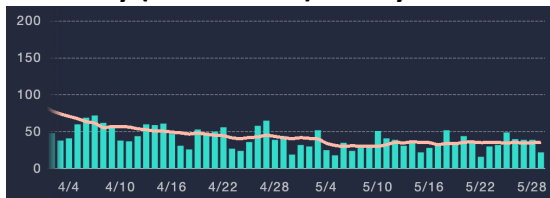
Admission of small numbers of individuals on tourist visas commenced last week. These groups consisted of a few travel agency employees from Singapore, Australia, the USA, and Thailand and are intended as a pilot in preparation for increasing inbound travel (including tourism) into Japan. To date a single infection has been detected in one individual in these groups.

Critical Illness (Nationwide)- daily total



As of tomorrow, the daily limit on inbound travelers will rise from 10,000 to 20,000, together with a relaxation on quarantine rules for those arriving in Japan. Those arriving from low-risk countries, including Australia, Canada, the UK and US and most of continental Europe, will no longer be required to show proof of vaccination or to undergo a COVID test on arrival. They will still need to test negative in the 72 hours prior to departure.

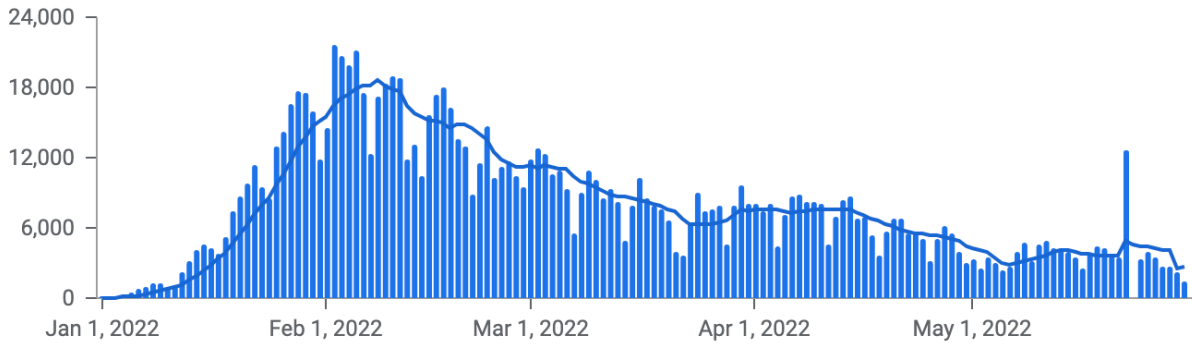
Mortality (Nationwide) – daily total



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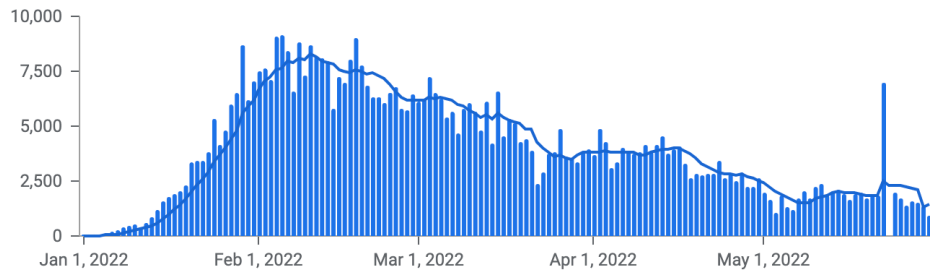
Tokyo and the surrounding Kanto region

Tokyo daily infections, from Jan 1st 2022 (R 0.94)

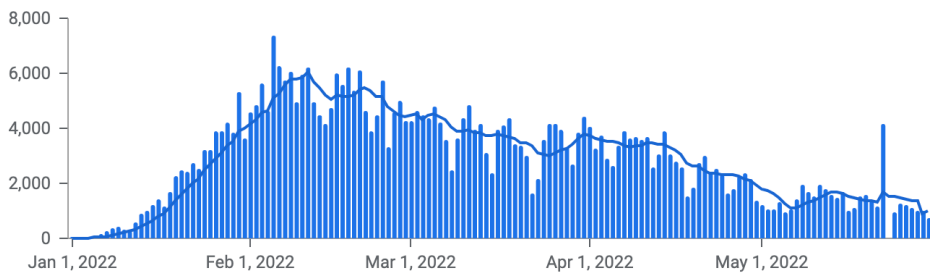


COVID continues to circulate though cases are predominantly occurring in younger age cohorts, approximately 70% of all infections being detected in those under age 40. Infections in people over 60 remain infrequent (8.4% of cases) and thanks to high rates of vaccination in this group, are significantly less likely to result in hospitalization than was the case a year ago.

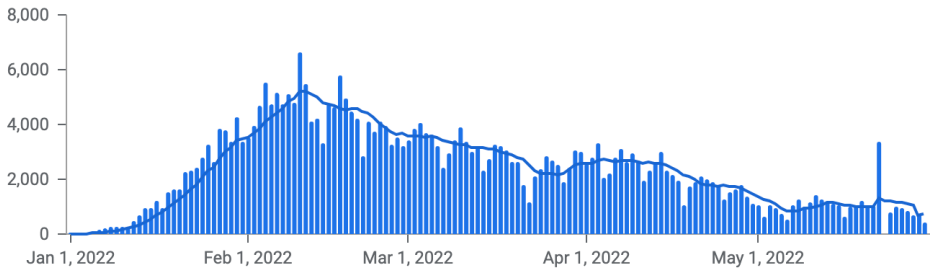
Kanagawa daily infections, from Jan 1st 2022 (R 0.95)



Saitama daily infections, from Jan 1st (R 0.94)



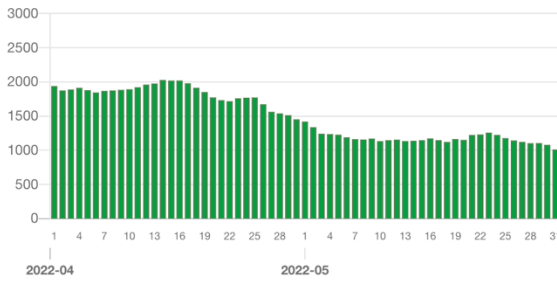
Chiba daily infections, from Jan 1st (R 0.94)



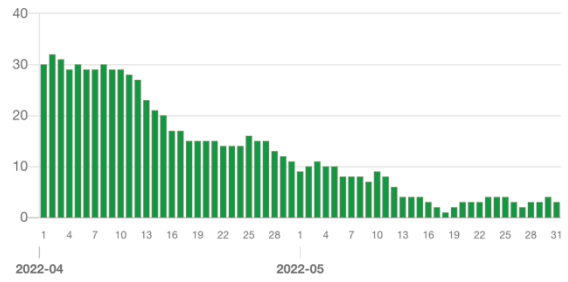
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Hospital Care and Testing in Tokyo

Number of hospital patients

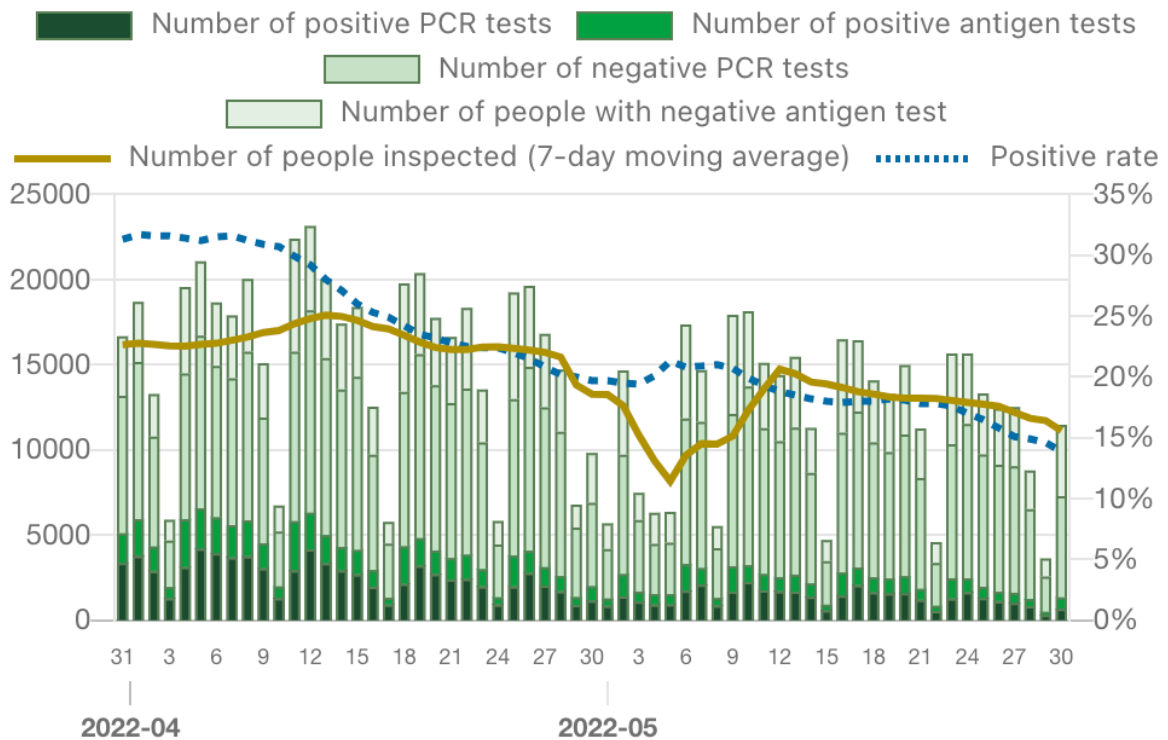


Number of critically ill patients



Hospital bed occupancy is falling and is now at 13.9% (1010 of 7216 beds in use). Intensive care occupancy is very low and is well within capacity, 0.6% (3 out of 510) of beds being occupied at present.

Testing for COVID 19



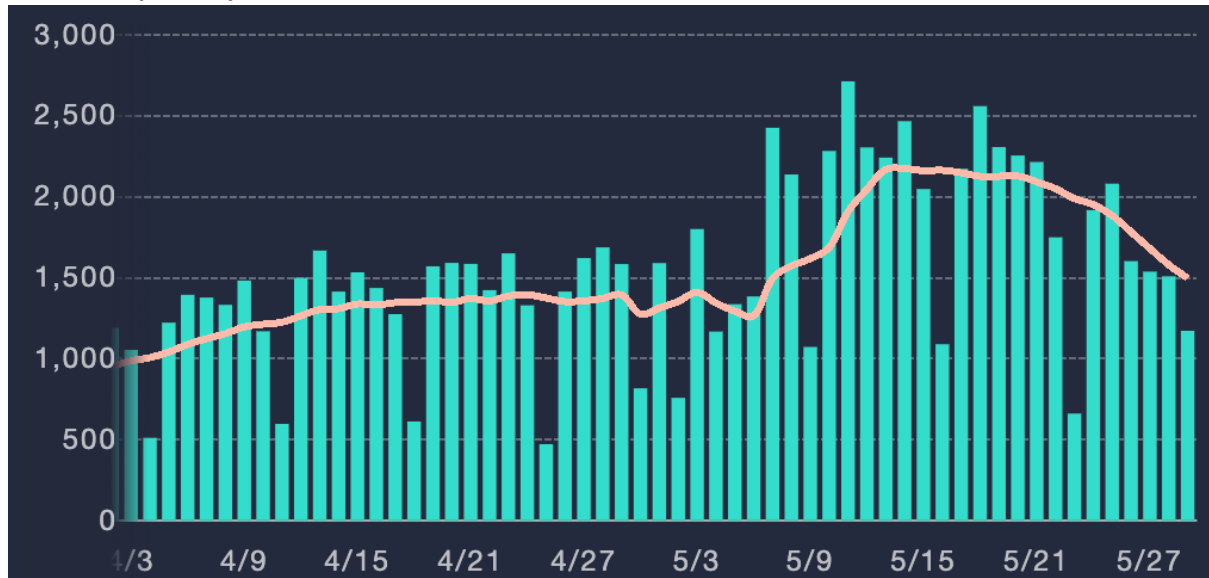
The rate of positive results in symptomatic individuals continues to decline and now stands at 13.9%, from a peak of over 40% earlier this year.

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Regional Situation

Okinawa continues to report the highest rate of COVID19 infections, with 701 infections per 100,000 people each week – though this has fallen from by about 20% over the past week.

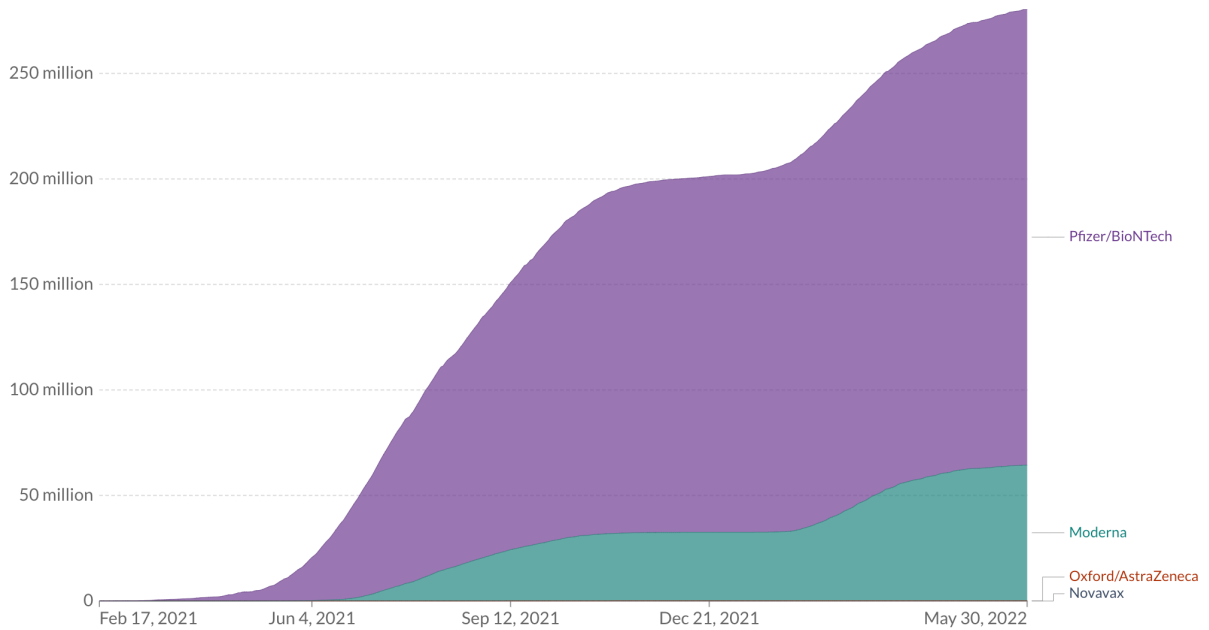
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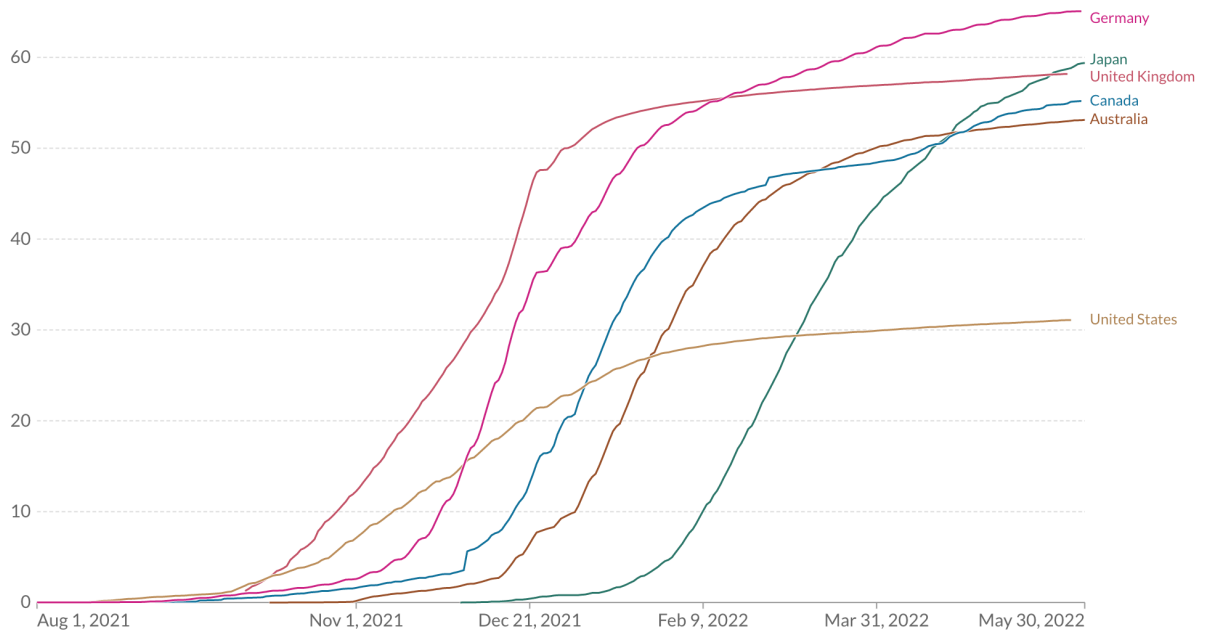
COVID 19 Vaccinations in Japan

Vaccine doses administered by manufacturer, Japan



Novavax is now available for administration in Japan but looks set to be given in relatively small quantities, chiefly to those who are unable to receive mRNA vaccines due to adverse reactions. Second booster (4th shot) vaccines are now being given to people aged 18 or above who have pre-existing medical conditions or are obese and will be offered universally to all those over 60. The minimum interval between 3rd and 4th vaccines has been set at 5 months and as before, health authority issued vouchers (mostly yet to be released) will be required.

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



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References and Resources

Reported Caseload Graphs and data sourced from MHLW as reported by Toyo Keizai
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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>