

TOKYO iCDC

Tokyo Center for Infectious Diseases Prevention and Control

The expertise that supported Tokyo's COVID-19 response

—A new system adopted by Tokyo to address
the threat of infectious diseases—

Review of Tokyo iCDC Activities from October 1, 2020

Response to COVID 19 (Novel Coronavirus) after the classification change

The Infectious Diseases Control Law classifies infectious diseases into Class 1 through 5 based on their infectiousness and severity, in which measures that the government can take to prevent the spread of infections differ.

COVID-19 was categorized as “the Novel Influenza and other diseases category”, which is equivalent to Class 2. However, starting from May 8, 2023, it is reclassified as Class 5.

Japan’s infection control measures change from those based on the government’s requests and interventions to ones that is based on the voluntary efforts of individuals, respecting individuals’ choices.

Reference:Minister of Health, Labour and Welfare

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/kenkou-iryousoudan_00006.html

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