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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 —

# **Background**



#### 2020

**June:** Governor Koike raises the creation of a Tokyo Metropolitan Government version of CDC as a campaign promise.

**July:** Compilation of the concept for the Tokyo version of CDC (The Tokyo iCDC Vision was released in September).

**Aug:** The Tokyo Version of CDC Preparation Study Committee, chaired by Dr. KAKU Mitsuo, was established.

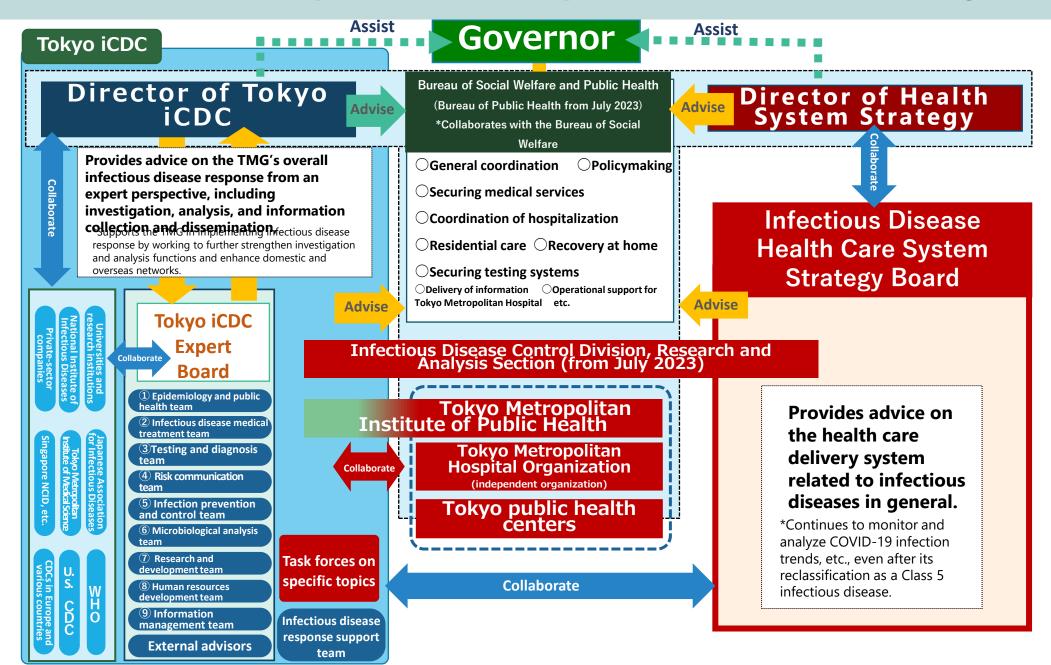
**Oct**: Tokyo iCDC was launched on the 1st, and the Preparation Review Committee was reorganized as the Tokyo iCDC Steering Committee.

**Oct**:The "iCDC Expert Board" (chaired by Dr. Kaku), "Health Crisis Management Response Headquarters" and "Infectious Disease Response Support Team" were established

#### 2022

**July**: In order to strengthen the health crisis management system, the position of Director of Tokyo iCDC was established, and Dr. Kaku, Chair of the Expert Board, was appointed Director.

# Image of the relationship between Tokyo iCDC and relevant organizations



# Establishment of the Expert Board, the Heart of the Tokyo iCDC

The **iCDC Expert Board** plays a central role in the Tokyo iCDC's provision of evidence-based advice and its network-building with local governments and research institutions in and outside of Japan. The Board has established teams for each area of expertise, **and is participated in by over 50 experts**. \*9 teams as of June 2023.

When the Tokyo iCDC was launched in October 2020, four teams were established: the **epidemiology and public health team**, the **infectious disease medical treatment team**, the **testing and diagnosis team**, and the **risk communication team**. Thereafter, the **infection prevention and control team** was established in December of the same year, the **microbiological analysis team** and the **research and development team** in January 2021, and the **human resources development team** in March 2021.

In April 2021, the iCDC began full-scale operations with this eight-team structure. With the establishment of the information management team in October 2022, there are now nine teams. The Tokyo iCDC Expert Board also appoints six external advisors to provide knowledgeable advice on the matters being investigated and studied from an objective perspective.

#### iCDC Expert Board (Mission of Each Team)

#### **Epidemiology and public health**

Analyze and assess infection risk based on epidemiological studies, give advice based on the infection situation and future projections, etc.

#### Infectious disease medical treatment

Analyze cases and evaluate effective medical treatment of infectious diseases, including new treatment methods and measures to address post-COVID symptoms, etc.

#### **Testing and diagnosis team**

Evaluate and analyze methods of testing and diagnosis, consider the establishment of new and enhanced testing and diagnostic methods.

#### **Risk communication team**

Along with considering infection control measures based on interactive information sharing such as publicity and PR, give wideranging advice on risk communication activities

#### **Infection prevention and control**

Consider effective countermeasures for infection control based on the latest scientific findings and formulate manuals, etc., according to the situation (home, work, etc.)

#### Microbiological analysis team

Evaluate and analyze the transmissibility, pathogenicity, and genetic mutations of infectious diseases, and gather information on vaccines and therapeutic drugs

#### **Research and development**

Gather information on a wide range of fields, including the progress and development of basic and clinical research, and consider how to apply these insights and put them into practice in Tokyo

#### **HR** development team

Consider ways to enhance training and development programs for human resources charged with infectious disease response in Tokyo

#### Information management team

Consider data management methods for collecting, managing and utilizing information related to infectious diseases

## **Tokyo iCDC Expert Board Team Meeting Member List**

Chair: Kaku Mitsuo (Specially Appointed Professor, St. Marianna University School of Medicine, Professor Emeritus, Tohoku University School of Medicine: Director of the Tokyo iCDC)

\*As of April 1, 2024 \* Occupational titles are omitted \*The first person listed is the team leader; the names thereafter are listed in Japanese alphabetical order

#### **Epidemiology and Public Health Team**

Nakashima Kazutoshi (Daito Bunka University) Suzuki Motoi (National Institute of Infectious Diseases) Nakatsubo Naoki (Suginami HC)

Nishida Atsushi (Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Medical Science)

Sugishita Yoshiyuki(Sumida HC)

Taniguchi Kiyosu (Mie National Hospital)

Nishiura Hiroshi (Graduate School of Kyoto University)

#### **Microbiological Analysis Team**

Hasegawa Hideki (National Institute of Infectious Diseases)

Kohara Michinori (Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Medical Science

Sato Kei (Institute of Medical Science, University of Tokyo)

Kouichi Morita (Nagasaki University)

Watanabe Yu(Tokyo Metropolitan Government)

Katayama Kazuhiko (Kitasato University)

Sadamasu Kenji (Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Public Health) Matsuyama Shutoku (National Institute of Infectious Diseases)

Yoshimura Kazuhisa (Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Public

#### **Infectious Disease Medical Treatment team**

Ohmagari Norio (National Center for Global Health and Medicin) Imamura Akifumi (Tokyo Metropolitan Cancer and Infectious Diseases Center Komagome Hospital)

Ishida Tadashi (Kurashiki Central Hospital) Nagai Hideaki (National Hospital Organization Tokyo National Yotsuyanagi Hiroshi (Advanced Clinical Research Center, Watanabe Hiroyuki(Nishitama HC)

University of Tokyo)

Watanabe Aika(Shinjuku HC)

Ohge Hiroki (Hiroshima University Hospital)

Imoto Seiya (Institute of Medical Science, University of Tokyo)

Suzuki Tadaki (National Institute of Infectious Diseases)

Mivata Hiroaki (Keio University)

Yoshimura Kazuhisa (Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Public Heal)

#### **Research and Development Team**

Inoue Tsuyoshi (Graduate School of Osaka University)

Kakeya Hiroshi(Graduate School of Osaka Metropolitan University)

Nishizuka Itaru (Tokyo Metropolitan Government) Yano Hisakazu(Nara Medical University)

#### **Testing and Diagnosis Team**

Miyachi Hayato (Nitobe Bunka College)

Sadamasu Kenji (Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Public Health) Mikamo Hiroshige (Graduate School of Aichi Medical University) Ishii Yoshikazu (Graduate School of Tohoku University) Nishizuka Itaru (Tokyo Metropolitan Government) Yanagihara Katsunori (Graduate School of Nagasaki University)

#### **Human Resources Development Team**

Kaku Koki (National Defense Medical College)

Kotake Momoko (Tokyo Metropolitan Government)

Takahashi Satoshi (Sapporo Medical University)

Tomono Kazunori (Osaka Institute of Public Health)

Murata Yukari (Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Public Health)

Izumikawa Koichi (Graduate School of Nagasaki

Shibuya Chie (Japanese Nursing Association)

Watase Hirotoshi(Chuo HC)

Takemura Hiromu (St. Marianna University School of Medicine)

Nakamura Shigeki (Tokyo Medical University)

#### **Risk Communication Team**

Nara Yumiko (Open University of Japan) Osaka Ken (Graduate School of Tohoku University) Narita Tomoyo (Tokyo Metropolitan Government)

Ishihara Michiyo (Shinjuku HC)

Tanaka Mikihito (Faculty of Political Science and Economics.

Muto Kaori (Institute of Medical Science, University of Tokyo)

#### **Information Management Team**

Kamigaki Taro (National Institute of Infectious Diseases) Yazawa Tomoko (Science Tokyo)

Yoshida Makiko (Tohoku Medical And Pharmaceutical University)

Takahashi Kunihiko (Tokyo Medical and Dental University) Ohmagari Norio (National Center for Global Health and Medicine) Saito Tomoya (National Institute of Infectious Diseases) Yasuoka Keiko(Tamafuchu HC)

#### **External Advisors**

Kawaoka Yoshihiro (Institute of Medical Science, University Tateda Kazuhiro (Toho University) of Tokyo)

Tanaka Koichi (Shimadzu Corporation)

Mivasaka Masavuki (Immunology Frontier Research Center, Osaka University)

Wakita Takaji (National Institute of Infectious Diseases) Michael Bell (U.S. CDC)

#### Infection Prevention and Control Team

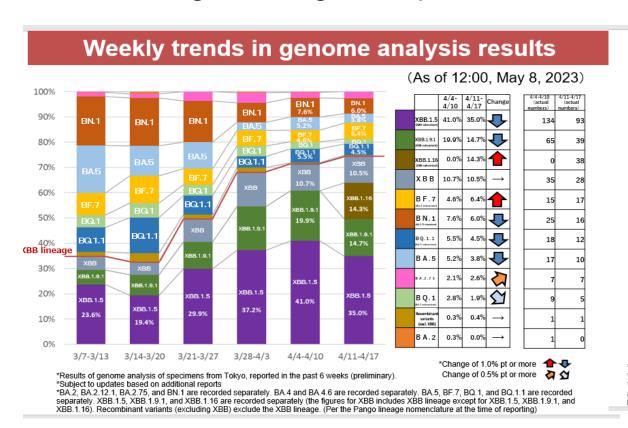
Matsumoto Tetsuya(International University of Health and Welfare) Kunishima Hiroyuki (St. Marianna University School of Medicine) Sugawara Erisa (Graduate School of Tokyo Healthcare University) Murakami Kuniko(Nishitama HC) Watanabe Yu(Tokyo Metropolitan Government)

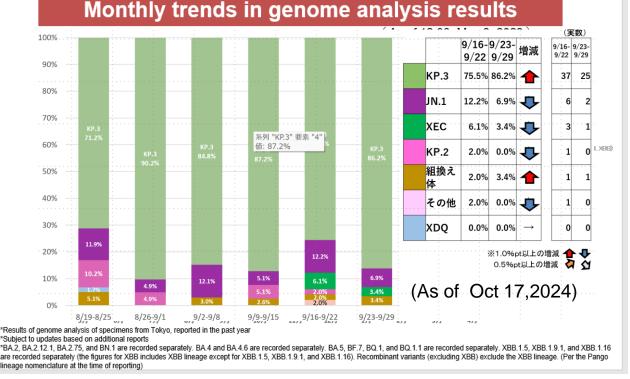
Kanemitsu Keiji (Graduate School of Tohoku University) Gu Yoshiaki (Science Tokvo) Mitsutake Kotaro (Saitama Medical University)

Yoshikawa Toru (National Institute of Occupational Safety and

### **Surveillance of SARS-COV2 variants**

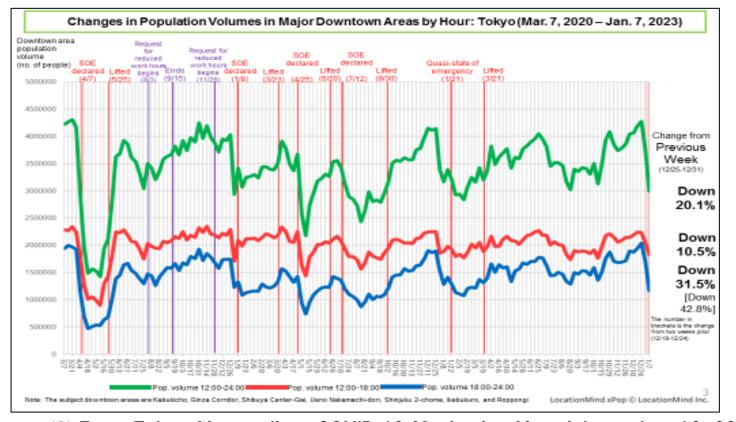
- SARS-COV2 undergoes mutations in the course of repeated propagation and infection.
- In Tokyo, genome analyses were conducted at Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Public Health and private testing institutions. The results were announced at the Monitoring Meetings and published on the TMG website.





# Monitoring of Population Volumes in Major Downtown Areas in Tokyo

- There is a confirmed relationship between the downtown area nighttime population volume data and the number of new infected cases and the effective reproduction number thereafter. (Predictive indicator of infection trends)
- The results were announced at the Monitoring Meetings and published on the TMG website.



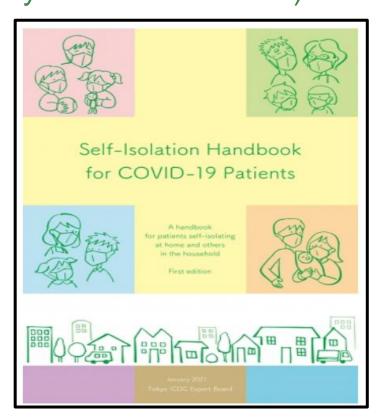
★ From Tokyo Metropolitan COVID-19 Monitoring Materials on Jan. 12, 2023

## **Practical Self-Isolation Handbook for COVID-19 Patients**

 This handbook was created to help persons diagnosed with COVID-19 and those who live with them spend the time when the patient is recovering at home.

 In view of the characteristics of the Omicron variant, the handbook was revised when necessary to add information about ventilation, etc. (First edition Jan 2022)
 (Website:https://www.hokeniryo.metro.tokyo.lg.jp/kansen/corona\_portal/shien/zitakury

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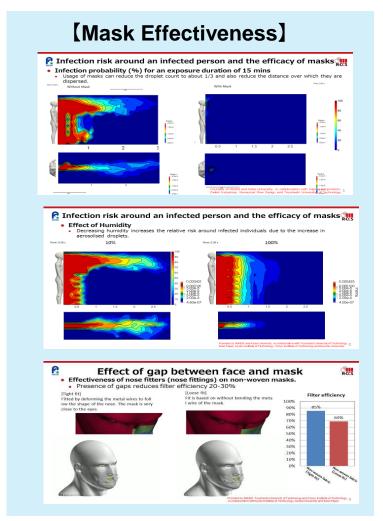


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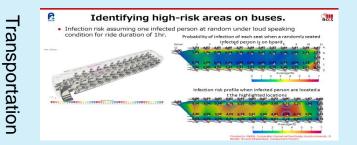
- For those who have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and those who live with them
- Characteristics of COVID-19
- Guidelines to follow when recovering at home
- 8 points for preventing infection at home
  - ① Use separate rooms
  - 2 Limit the people taking care of the sick person to the extent possible
  - 3 Both the sick person and those who live with them should wear masks correctly
  - The sick person and those who live with them should wash their hands frequently
  - 5 Ventilate rooms frequently
  - 6 Clean and disinfect common areas of the house that are frequently touched
  - ② Launder dirty linen and clothes
  - 8 Dispose of garbage in sealed trash bags

# Simulations of Airborne Droplets Using the Supercomputer Fugaku to Prevent the Spread of Infection

 Simulations conducted with the RIKEN supercomputer Fugaku useful for preventing the spread of infection during the 8th wave of the COVID-19 pandemic, such as the effectiveness of masks and measures to reduce risks in small stores, on public transportation, and in banquet halls were reported at the Monitoring Meeting held on December 1, 2022.



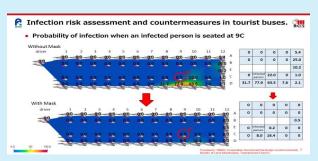
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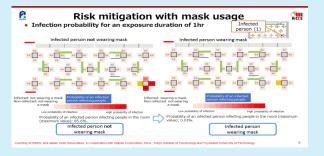


facilities

Banquet halls







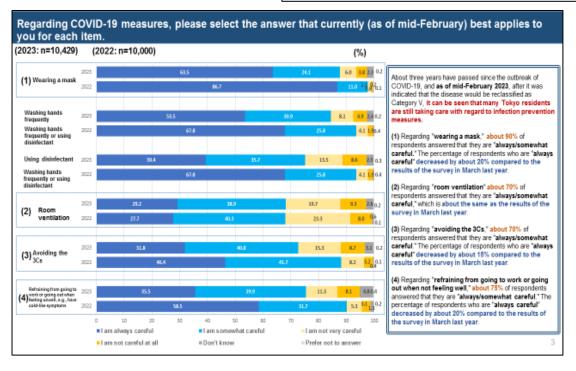
# Survey of Tokyo Citizens (Risk Communication)

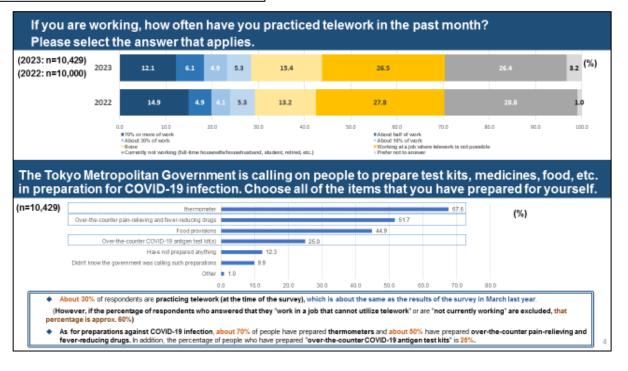
Results of the Tokyo Resident Survey by the Tokyo iCDC Risk
Communication Team (conducted in Feb. 2023)

Survey method: Internet survey
Survey target: People in their 20s to 70s who have an address in Tokyo
Sampling method and number of samples:

Quota sampling based on gender, age composition, and place of residence according to the population ratio of Tokyo
10,429 samples
Survey period: Wednesday, February 15, 2023 to Tuesday, February 21, 2023...1 week
Survey items:

Feelings and experiences regarding COVID-19 Preparations for COVID-19
Behavior and infection prevention measures after the category change (from May 8)
Intent and rationale for mask wearing in the future, basic infection prevention measures, etc.





# Respond to Infection Long COVID

#### **Leaflets**





- ①For the General Public (Sep.2022)
- ② For Companies (Jun.2023)
- ③ For Teachers (Sep.2023)
- 4 For Parents (Sep.2023)





Online Seminar (From July 2022, four times a year)



#### Mobile Web Site (From August 13, 2024)





# **Tokyo iCDC Forum**

■ The Tokyo iCDC has held a forum annually since FY 2023 to lead citizens to think about infectious disease for the preparedness of future pandemics as well as an opportunity to share the information of the Tokyo iCDC activities with infectious disease experts.



■ As for the FY 2024 event, the first day of the forum was a panel discussion on the theme of "infectious disease and disaster" for Tokyo residents.

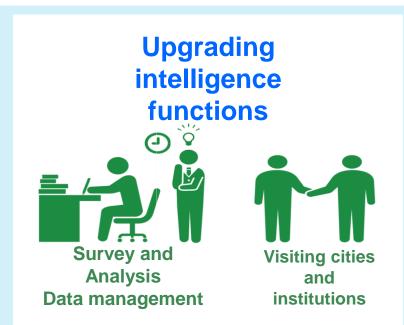
Experts who helped people in the disaster area of the Noto earthquake discussed infection control in case of disasters.

■ On the second day of the forum, round table discussions themed "Next pandemic" and "One Health" which are topics currently

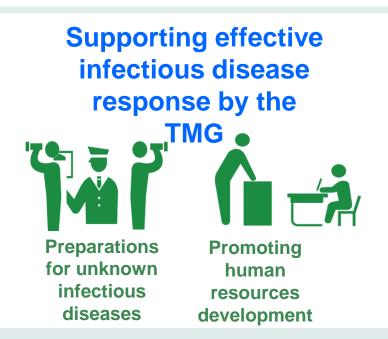
garnering attention were held.



# **Future Tokyo iCDC Initiatives**



- ➤ Promoting collaboration with the Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Public Health and the Tokyo Metropolitan Hospital Organization
- Enhancing human and organizational networks



- ➤ Collaborating with the lead departments within the agency regarding all infectious diseases
- ➤ Strengthening preparations for unknown infectious diseases
- ➤ Securing and developing human resources skilled in infectious disease medicine

Increasing the infection resilience of society overall





Prevention plan
TOKYO Resilience
Project

Local communities

- ➢ Providing advice across a wide range of fields such as building a resilient city
- ➤ Conducting public education initiatives to residents about infectious diseases to increase the infection resilience of local communities





Thank you for listening!



Tokyo iCDC (English)



Basic Initiatives Taken
by the Tokyo
Metropolitan
Government for
COVID-19 Response
(English)