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National policy

 ✓ In September 2023, the government declared its policy of full transition to a normal healthcare system in April 2024, together with details about medical care for COVID-19 from October and public funding

Tokyo situation during transition

Under the policy of stepped transition to a Category 5-ready healthcare system to assure Tokyo citizens and to avoid any disruption in hospitals and clinics, special COVID-19 measures to protect high-risk populations are being retained and a transition to a system in which COVID-19 patients can be admitted to a wide range of hospitals is being steadily promoted based on the transition plan

(Outpatient-handling medical facilities dealing with febrile patients increased to approx. 5,800, COVID-19 patients now can be admitted to 617 hospitals without relying on secured beds, etc.)

Measures against COVID-19 in FY2024

Full transition to a normal healthcare system in April 2024, COVID-19 special measures end in principle at the end of FY2023

*Continuation for time being of necessary initiatives within normalized healthcare system

(variant surveillance (genome analysis), advice about vaccine side-effects, long Covid, etc.)

To secure the healthcare system as defined by the revised Infectious Disease Prevention Plan from April 2024, support provided to hospitals such as equipment upgrade subsidies will be re-organized and implemented as an initiative to promote agreements