

Updates on COVID-19 in Japan



April 23rd, 2020

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Hospitalization and Discharge

As of 6PM, April 22, 2020

【Domestic cases】

PCR tested positive			
	Currently in hospital	Already discharged from hospital	Death
11,919 (+422)	10,212 (+342) From severe to moderate/mild symptoms 57	2,408 (+70)	287 (+10)

【Cases at the Cruise ship】

PCR tested positive (in hospital in Japan)			
	Currently in hospital	Already discharged from hospital	Death
672	14 From severe to moderate/mild symptoms 29	645	13

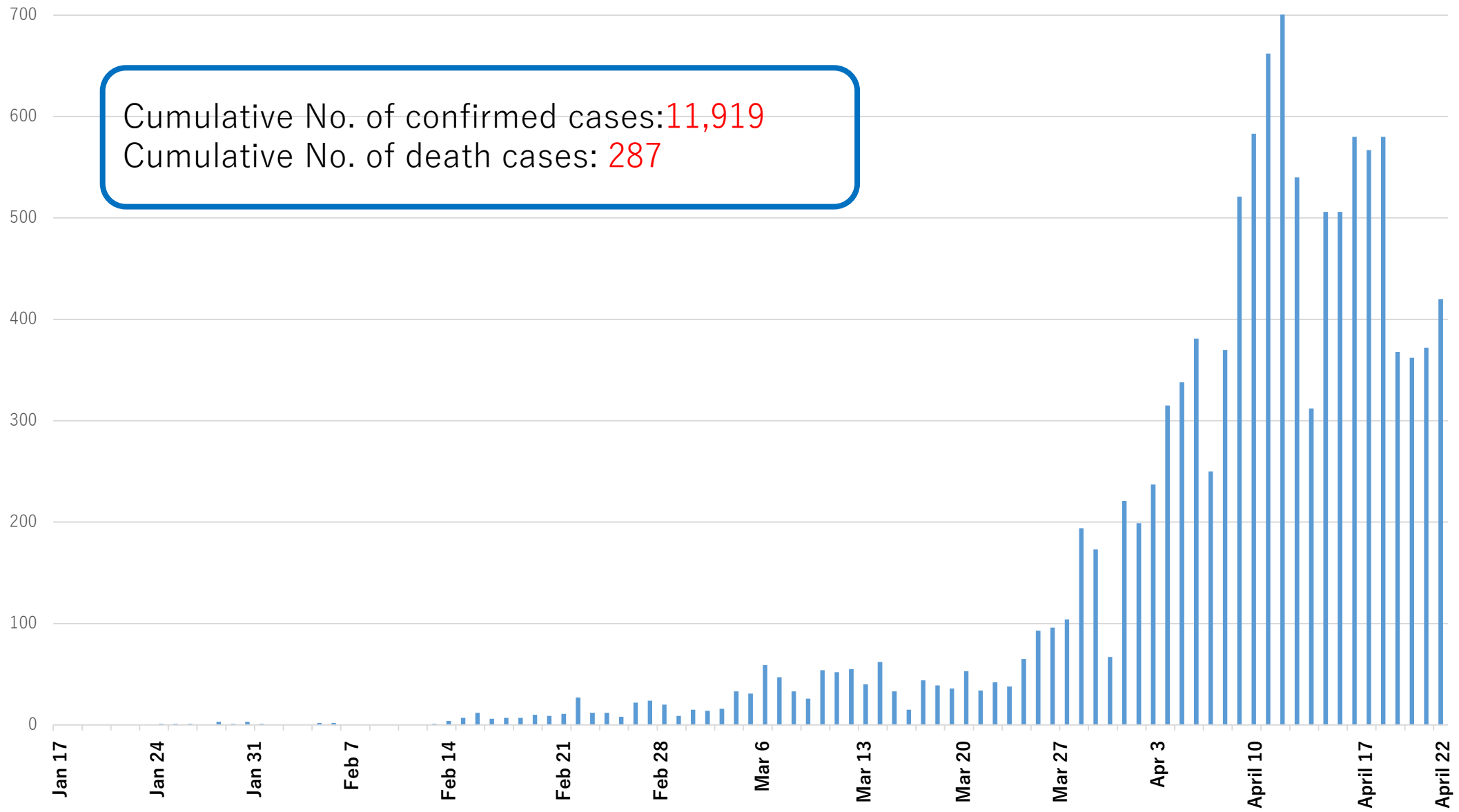
【Total】

PCR tested positive (in hospital in Japan)			
	Currently in hospital	Already discharged from hospital	Death
12,591 (+422)	10,226 (+342) From severe to moderate/mild symptoms 90	3,053 (+70)	300 (+10)

The number in parentheses indicates the change from the previous day.

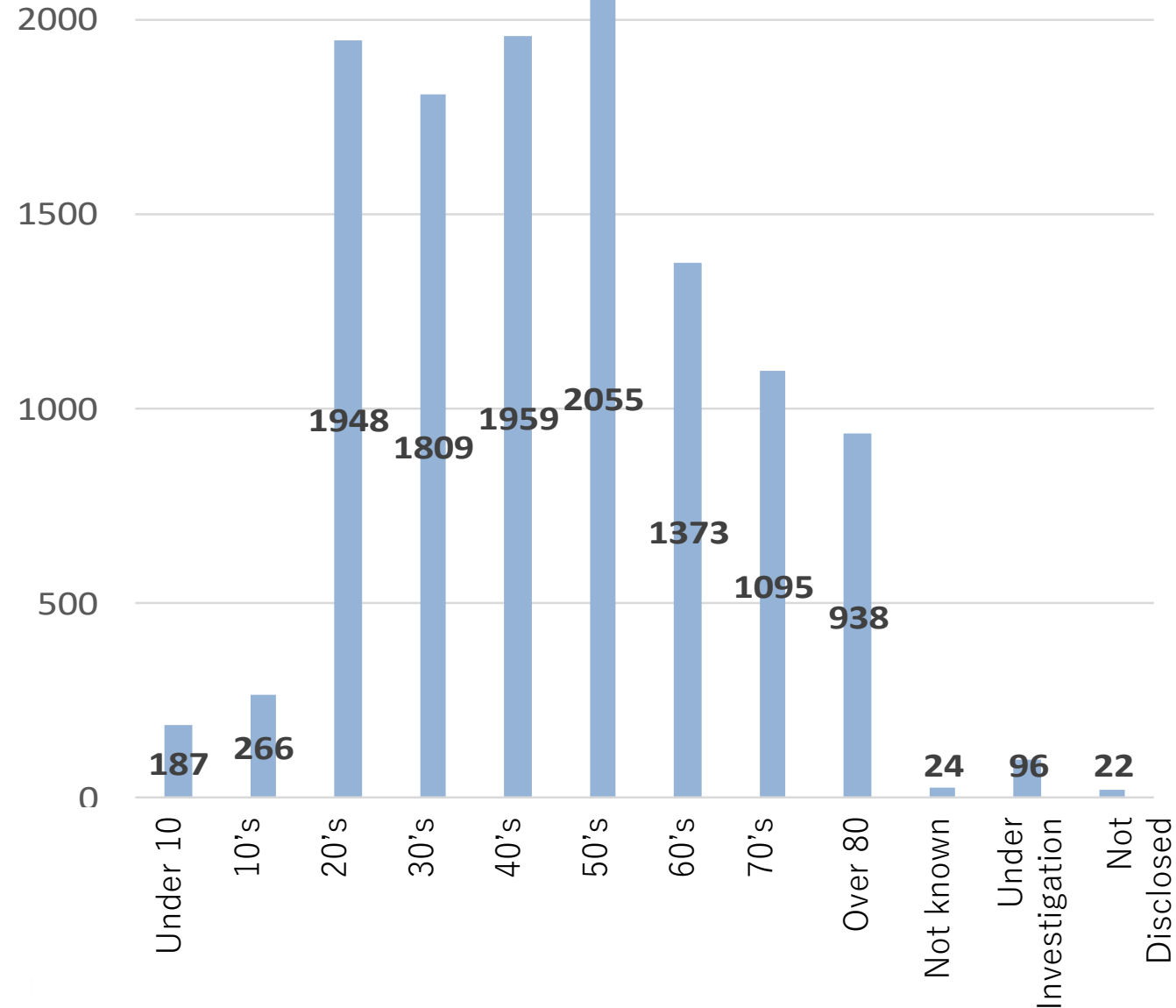
The trend of No. of confirmed cases

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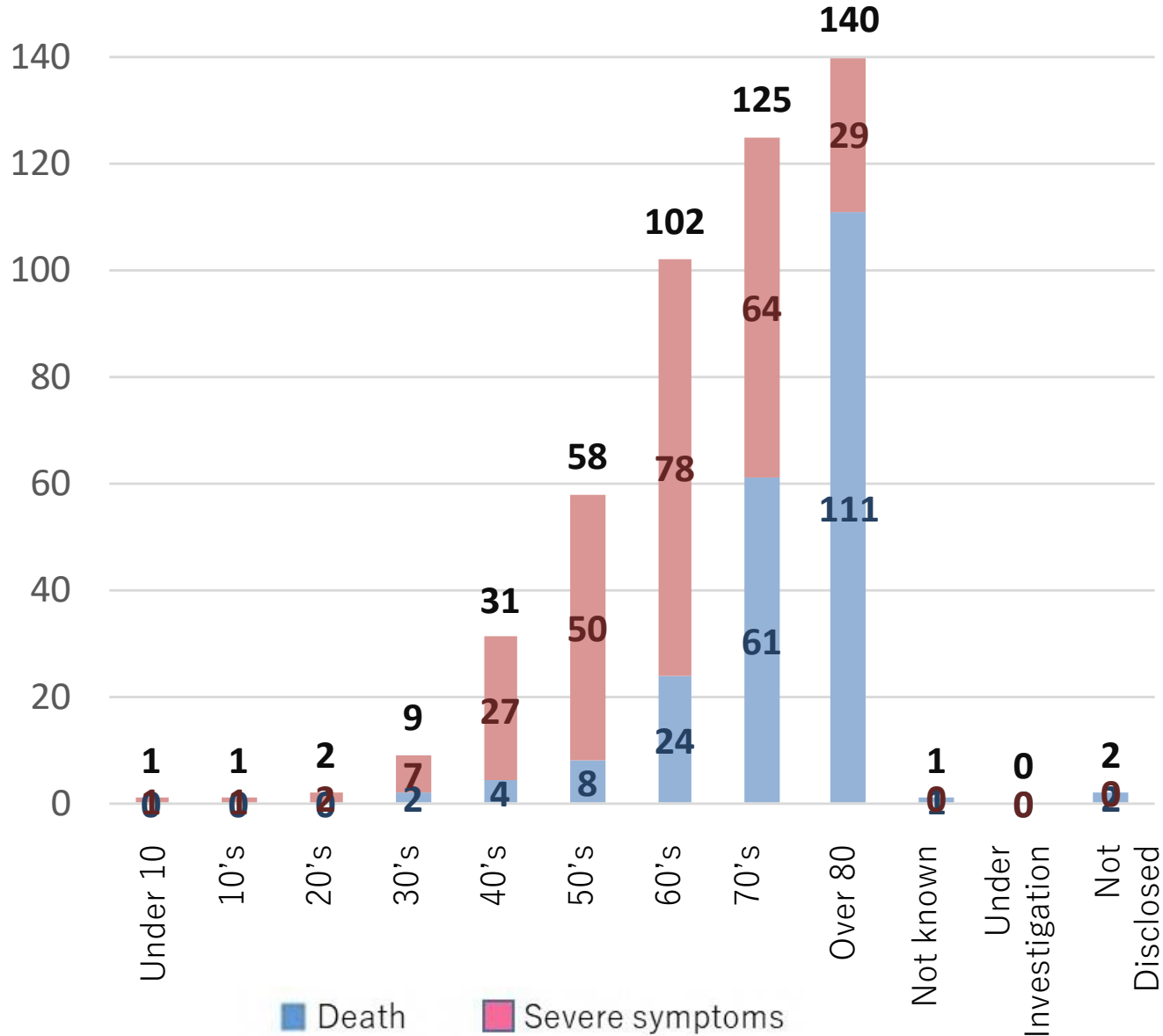
PCR Tested Positives by age

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Cases by age

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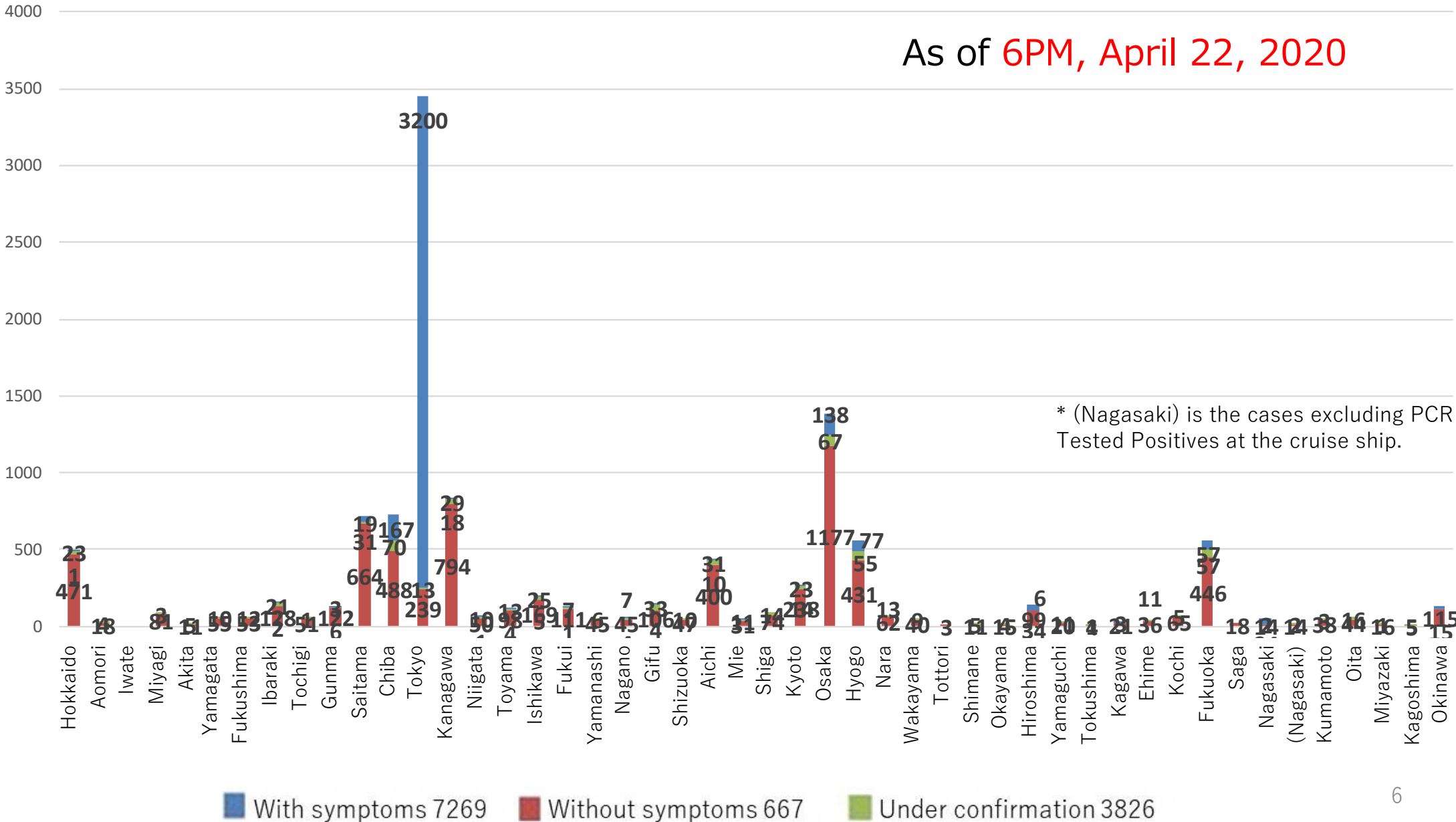


Death Rate (%)

Total	Under 10	10's	20's	30's	40's	50's	60's	70's	Over 80
1.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.4	1.7	5.6	11.8

Cases in each prefecture

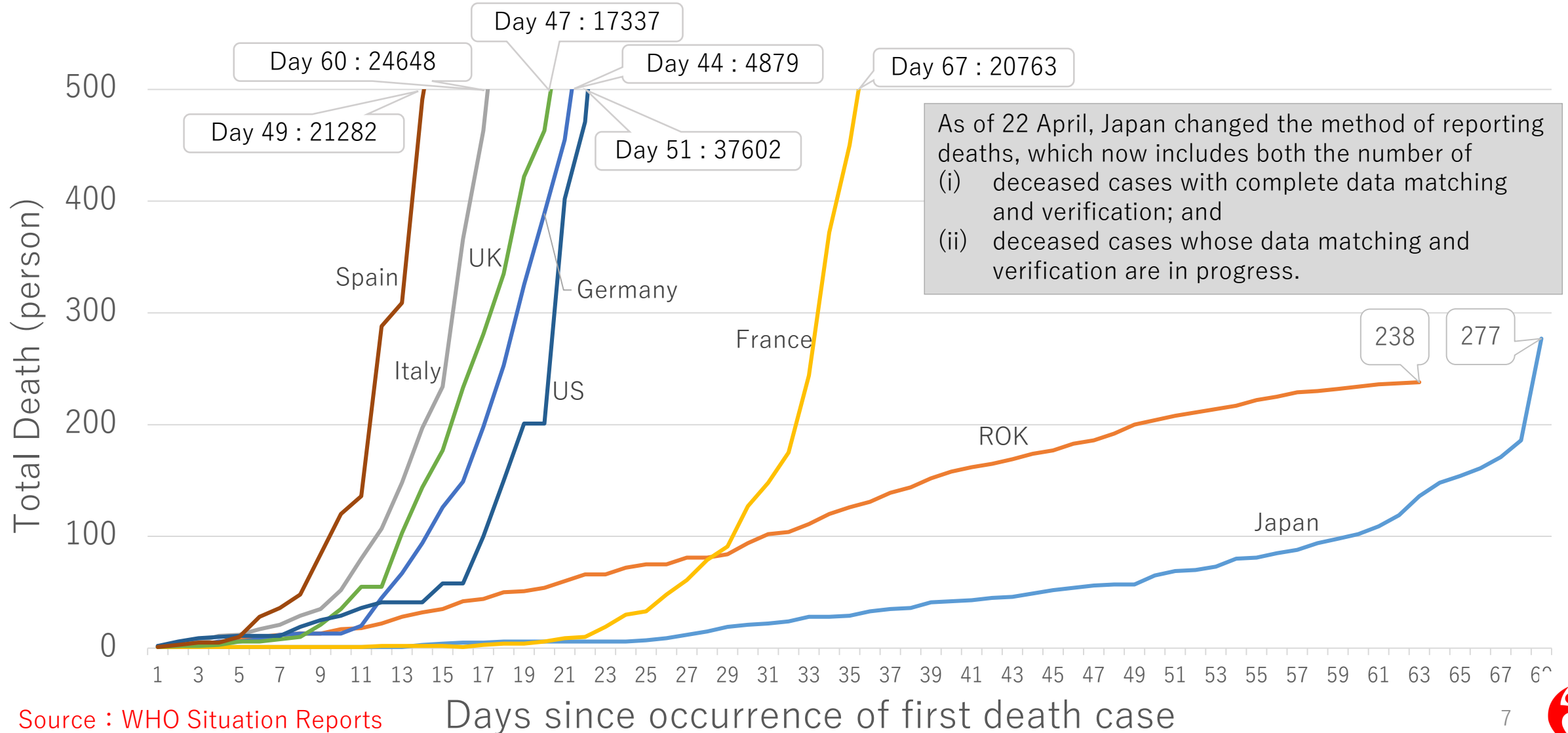
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The trend of death cases in several countries

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- Slow increase of death cases
- Burden on local health system is not overwhelming so far



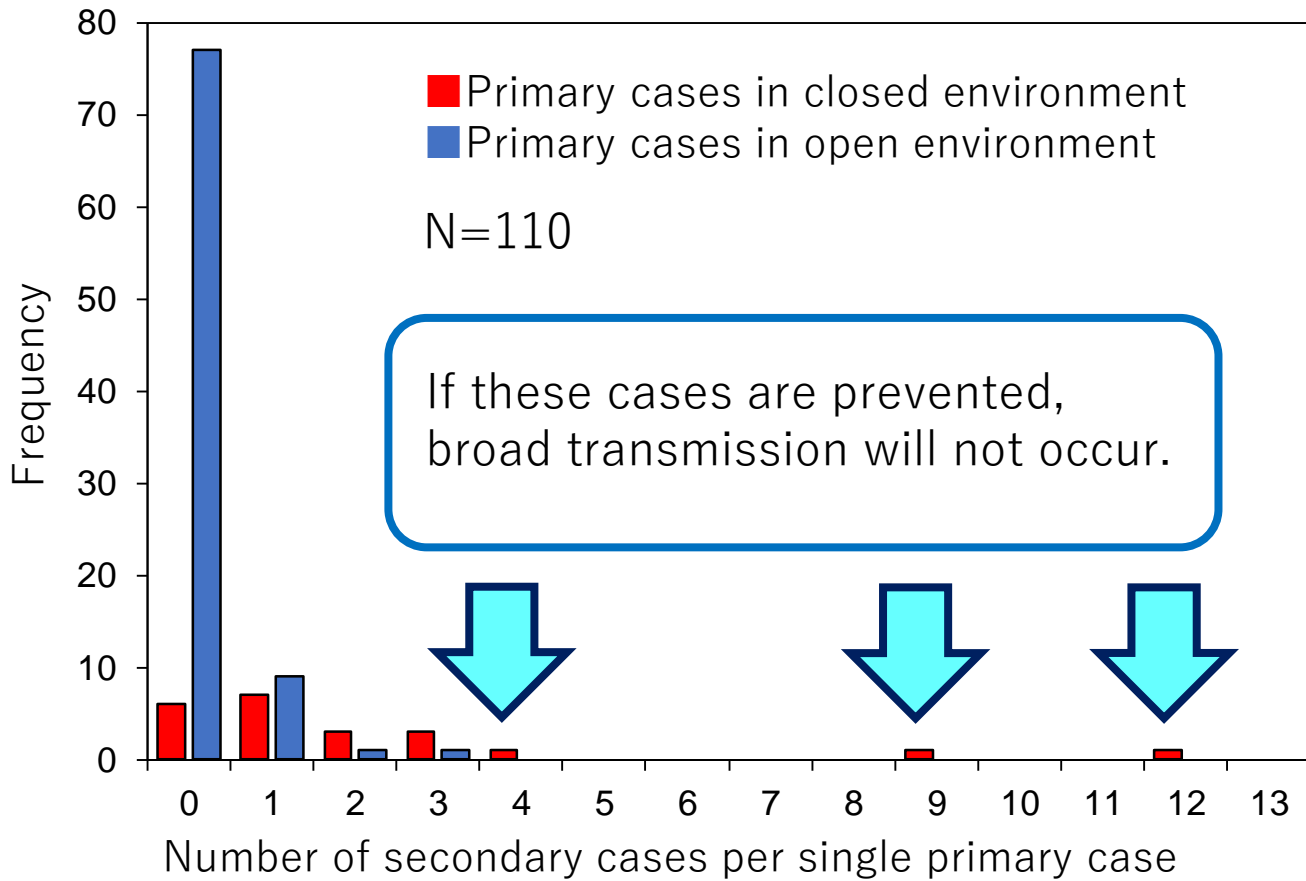
Three Pillars of Basic Strategy to combat COVID-19 in Japan

<Overall Goal>

Maximization of suppression of transmission and Minimization of socio-economic damage

1. Early detection of and early response to clusters
2. Enhancement of intensive care and securing of medical service system for the severely ill patients, including medical equipments (Ventilator, ECMO, etc)
3. Behavior modification of citizens

Avoidance of high risk environment



80% of cases infected in open environment have not transmitted to others.

Three “C” high risk environments

- ① Closed spaces with insufficient ventilation
- ② Crowded conditions with people
- ③ Conversations in short distance

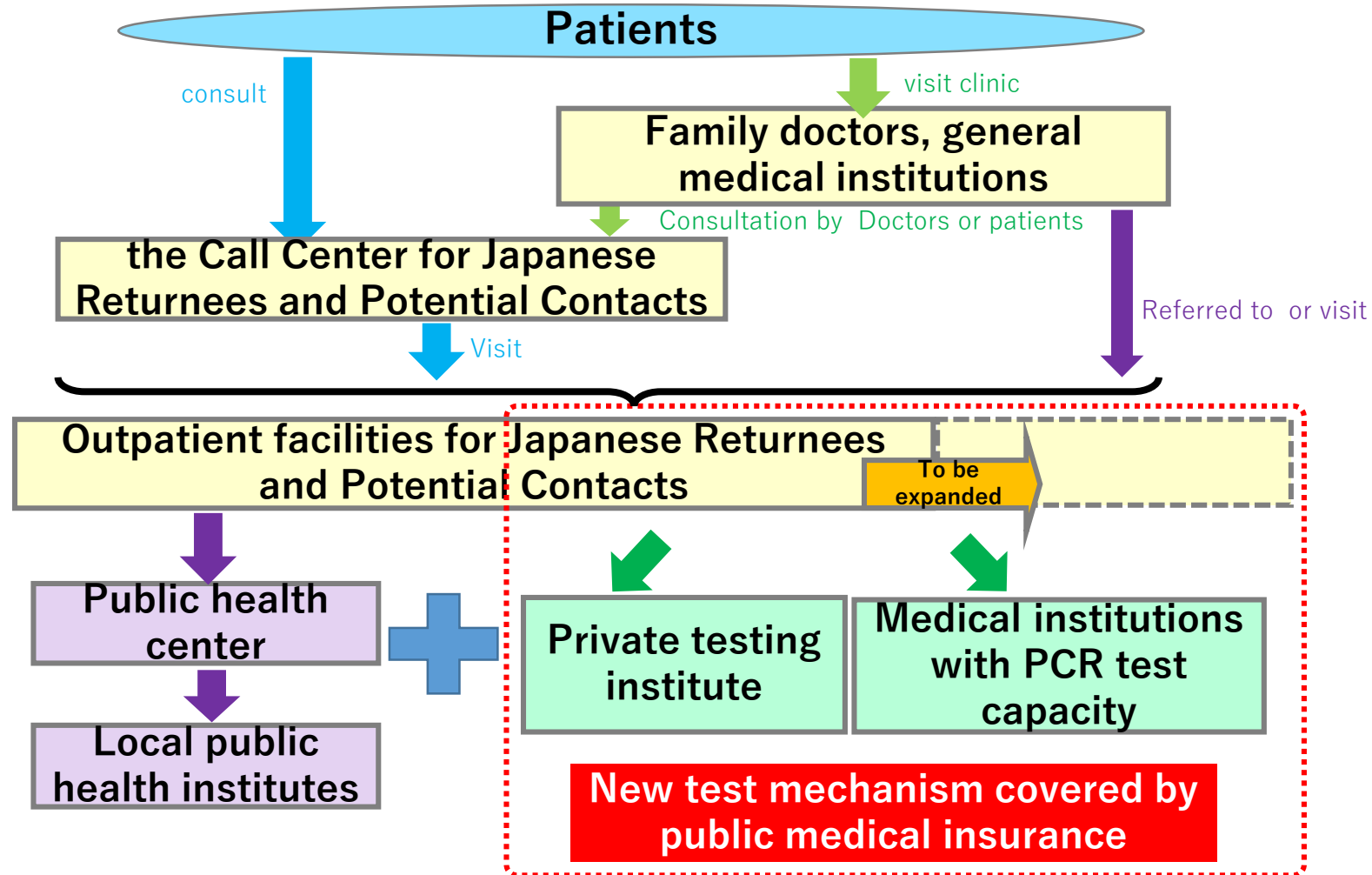


- Voluntary restraint of mass gathering.
- Closure of school.

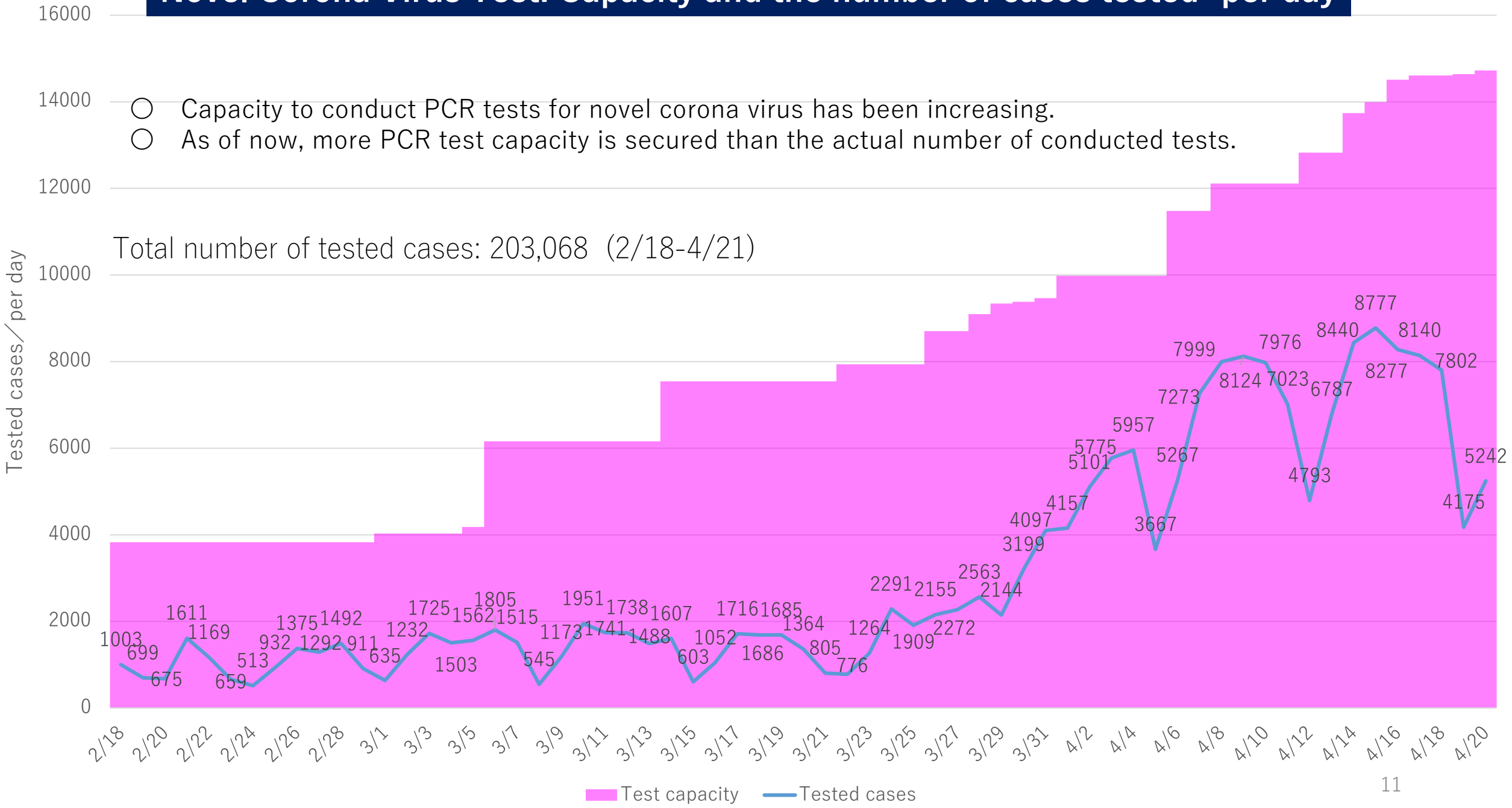


PCR Testing system for novel corona virus covered by medical insurance

- If a public health center decides that a patient is out of the scope of administrative testing, doctors can request the test directly to testing institutes with their own decision.
- For the purpose of preventing in-hospital infection and ensuring the accuracy of the testing, the test is required to be conducted at outpatient facilities for Japanese Returnees and Potential Contacts.
- Moreover, efforts will be made to expand the number of tests to be conducted with insurance coverage, taking into account future improvement in the preparedness of the private sectors.



Novel Corona Virus Test: Capacity and the number of cases tested per day



Way Forward

- We have great concerns about following situation;
 - (1) increased new cases in urban areas,
 - (2) increased cases with unidentified source.
 - (3) Rapidly increased confirmed cases and death worldwide.
 - (4) Many imported cases to Japan.
- Needs to control infection while minimizing socio-economic damage.
- Needs to prevent overwhelming hospitals
- Strengthen the capacity of local government to control the outbreak, considering local situations based on data.



Delay and lower the peak of infection.

Purpose of new coronavirus measures (basic concept)

