

# Updates on COVID-19 in Japan



March 31, 2020

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

# Hospitalization and Discharge

As of 18:00, Mar. 29

## 【Domestic cases】

PCR tested positive			
	Currently in hospital	Already discharged from hospital	Death
1, 866 (+173)	1388 (+171) From severe to moderate/mild symptoms 38	424	54 (+2)

## 【Cases at the Cruise ship】

PCR tested positive (in hospital in Japan)			
	Currently in hospital	Already discharged from hospital	Death
672	43 (-16) From severe to moderate/mild symptoms 29	619 (+16)	10

## 【Total】

PCR tested positive (in hospital in Japan)			
	Currently in hospital	Already discharged from hospital	Death
2, 538 (+173)	1, 431 (+155) From severe to moderate/mild symptoms 37	1043 (+16)	64 (+2)

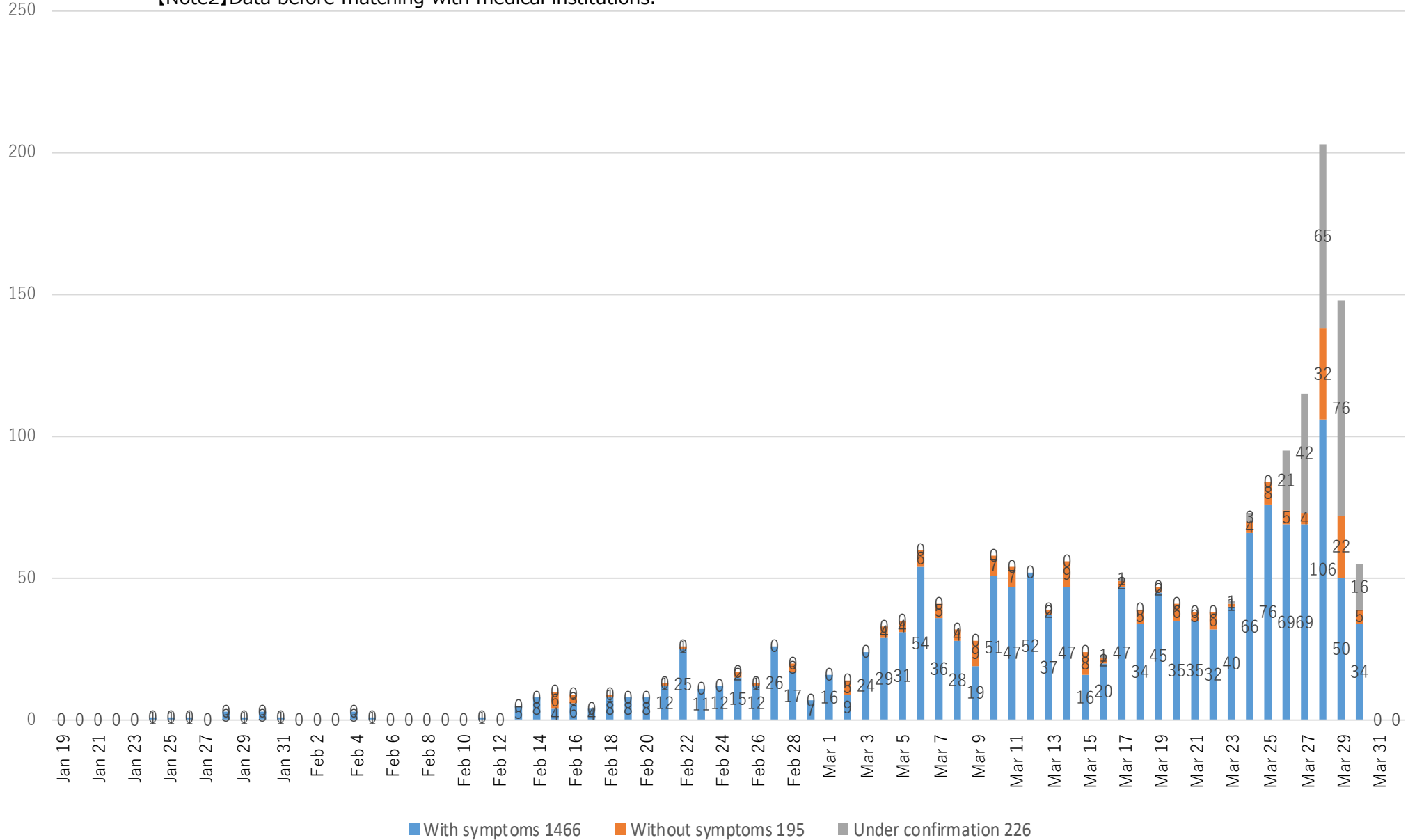
The number in parentheses indicates the change from the previous day.

# Confirmed Cases in each Day

(As of 6PM, Mar.30, 2020)

【Note1】The number of patients on charter flights and cruise ship is not included.

【Note2】Data before matching with medical institutions.

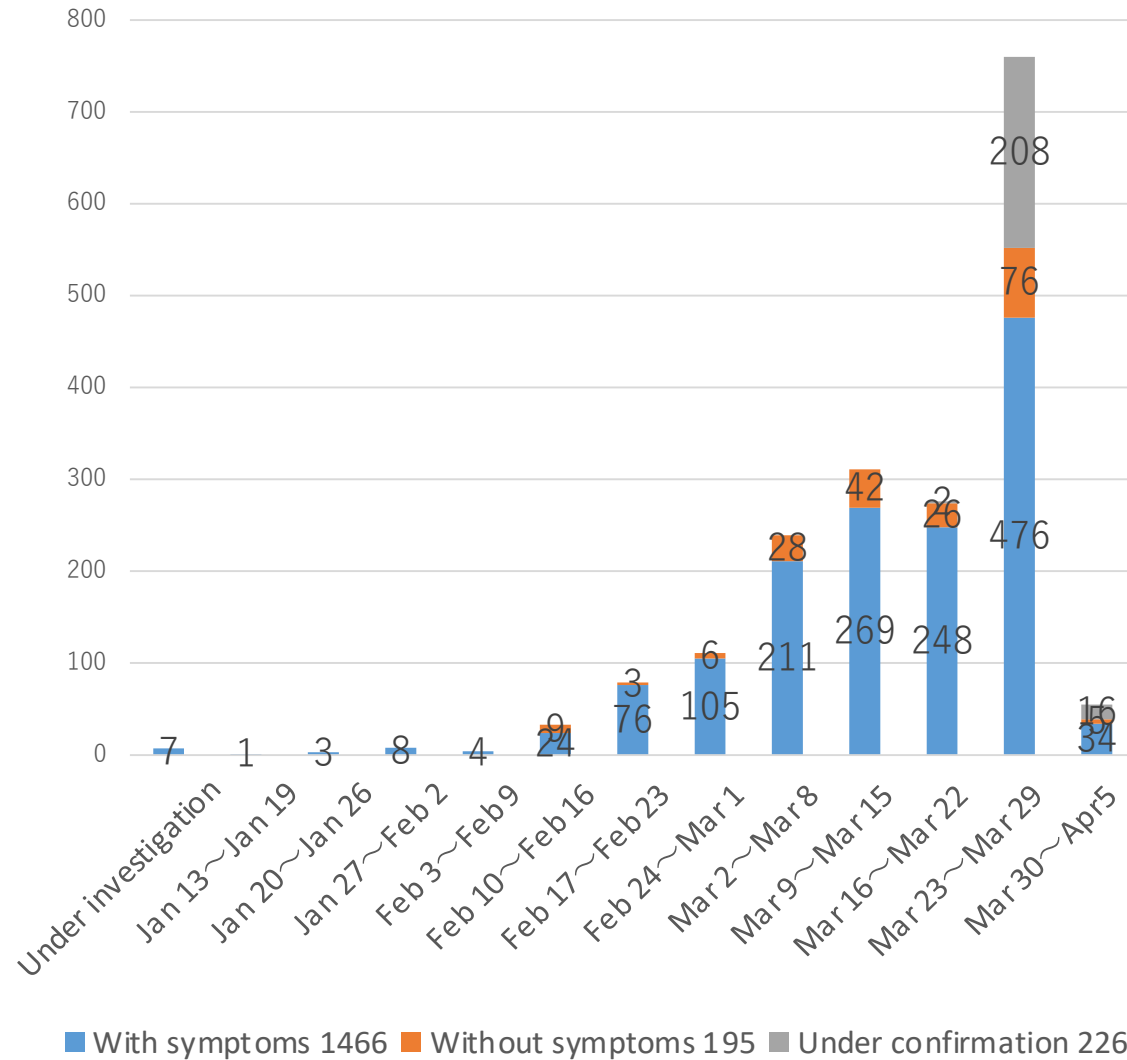


# Confirmed Cases in each week

(As of 6PM, Mar.30, 2020)

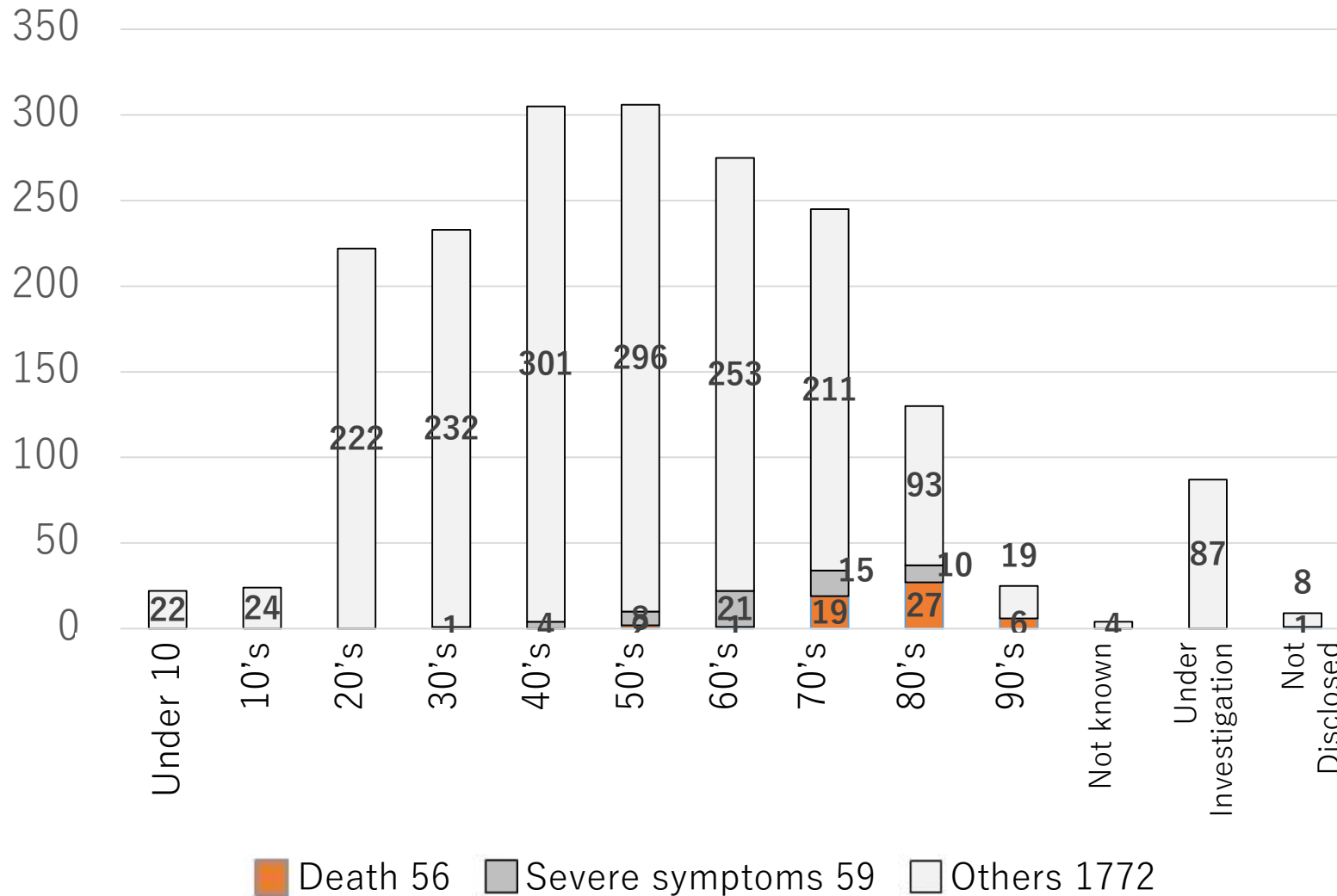
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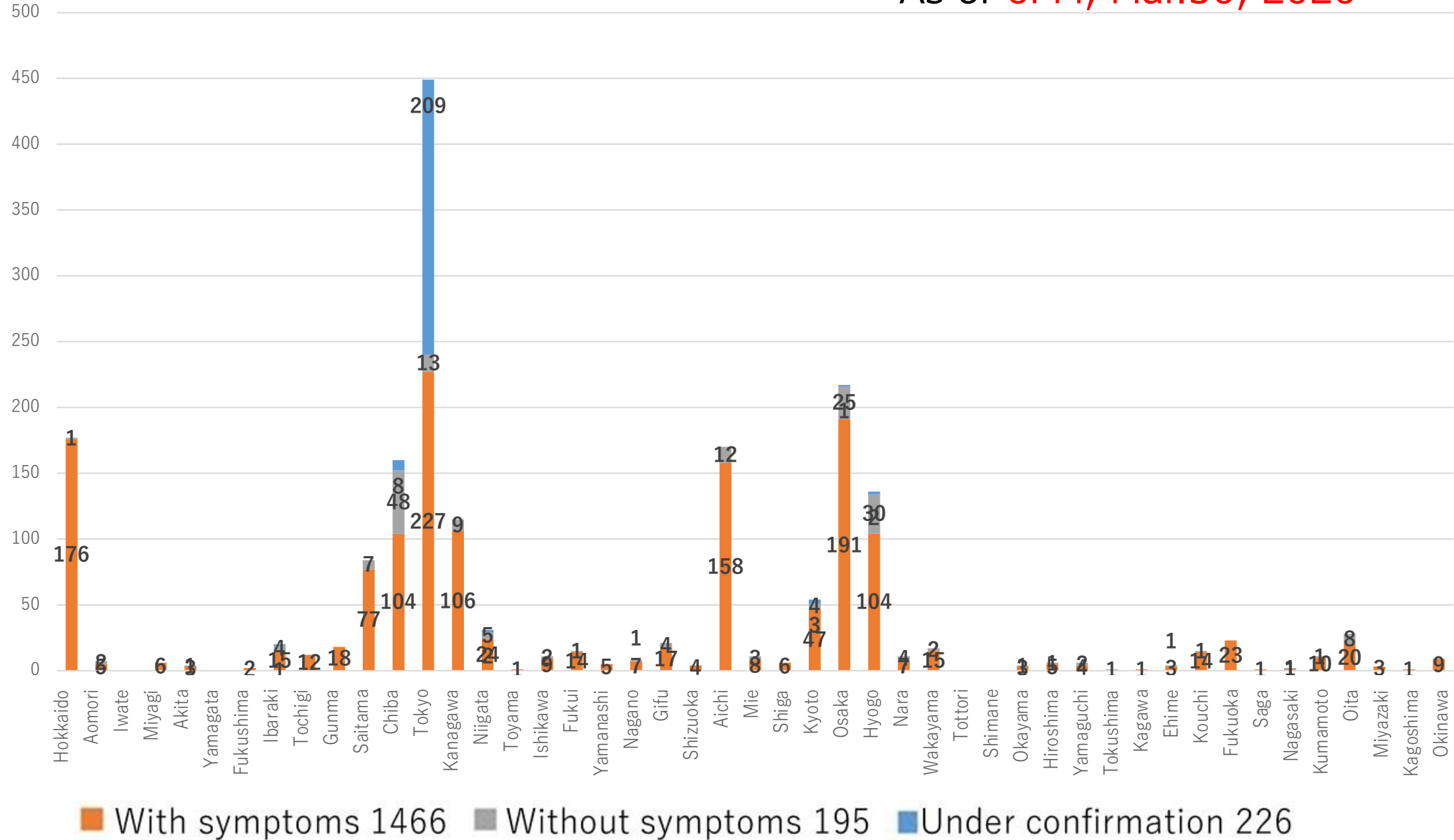
# Cases by age

As of 6PM, Mar.30, 2020



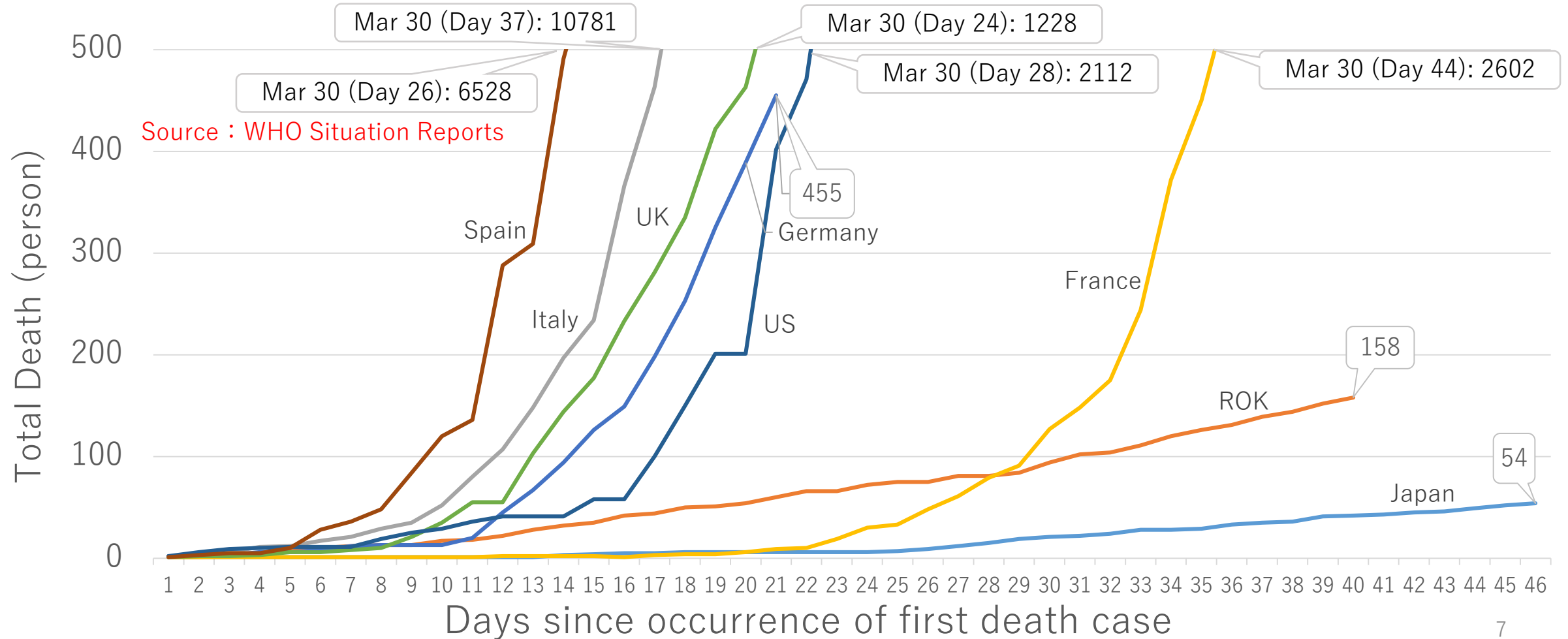
# Cases in each prefecture

As of 6PM, Mar.30, 2020



# The trend of death cases in several countries, as of 30<sup>th</sup> March

- 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

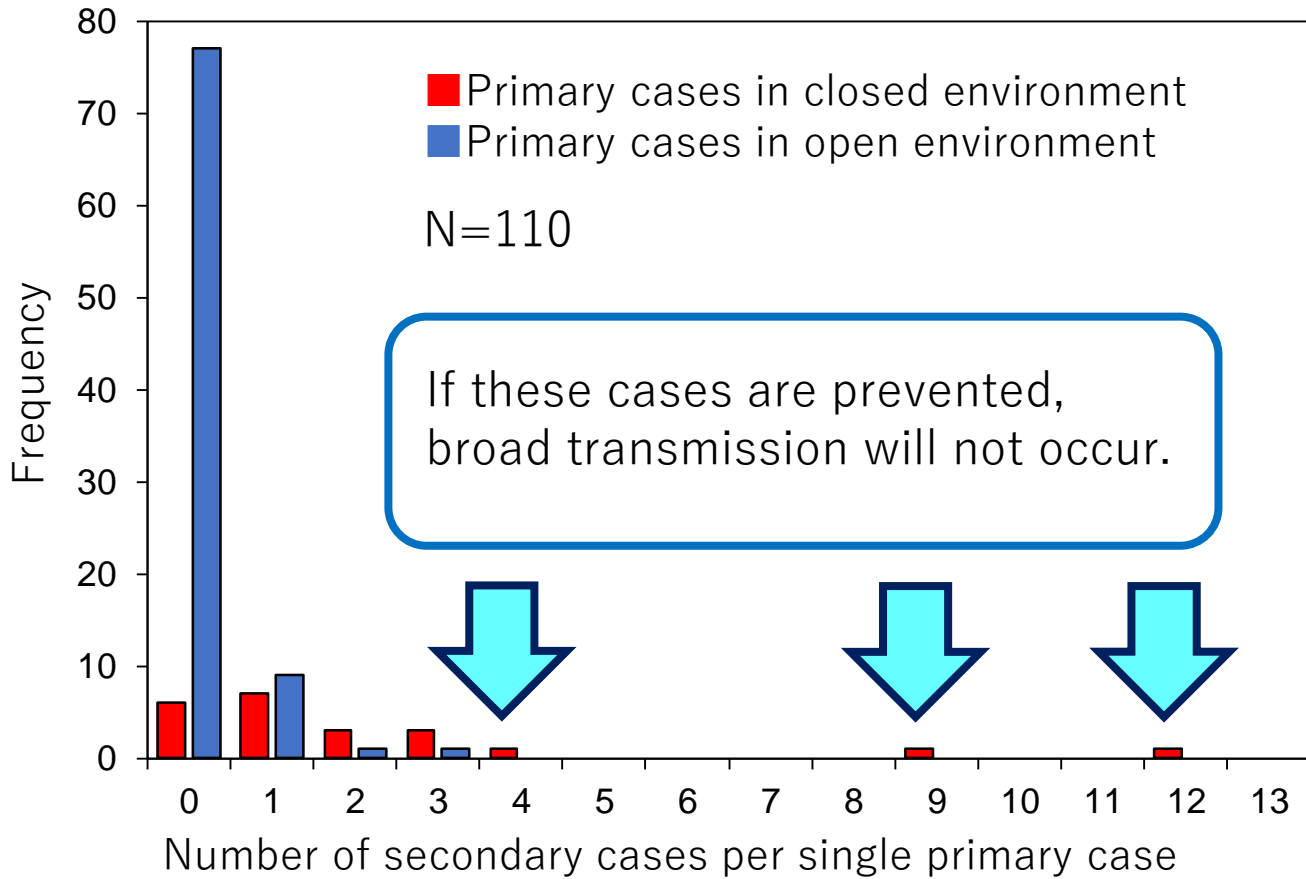
## <Overall Goal>

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 the securing of a medical service system for the severely ill, including medical equipment (Ventilator, ECMO, etc)
3. Behavior modification of citizens



# Avoidance of high risk environment



## Three “C” high risk environments

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

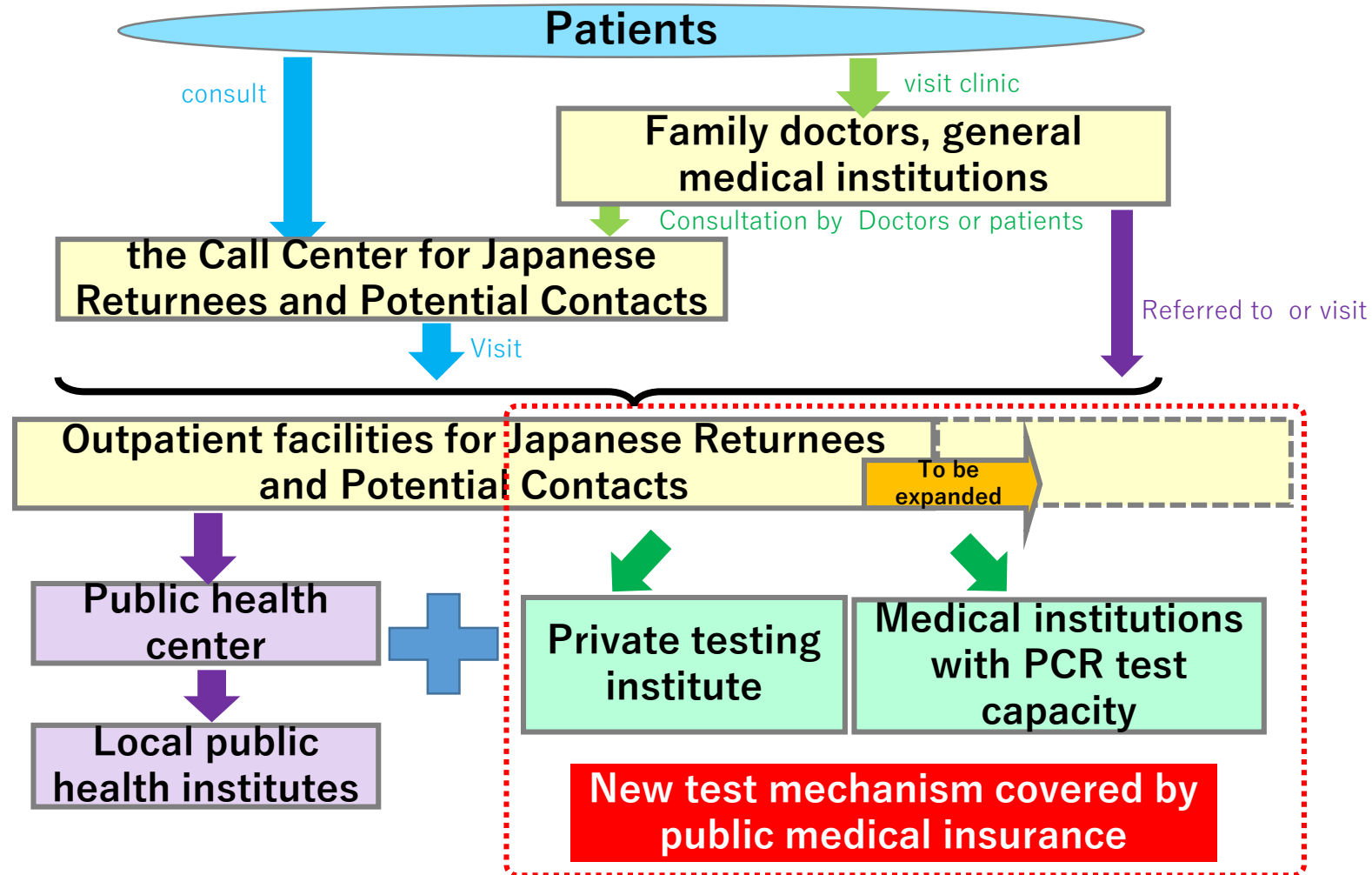
- Voluntary restraint of mass gathering.
- Closure of school.



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

# 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.

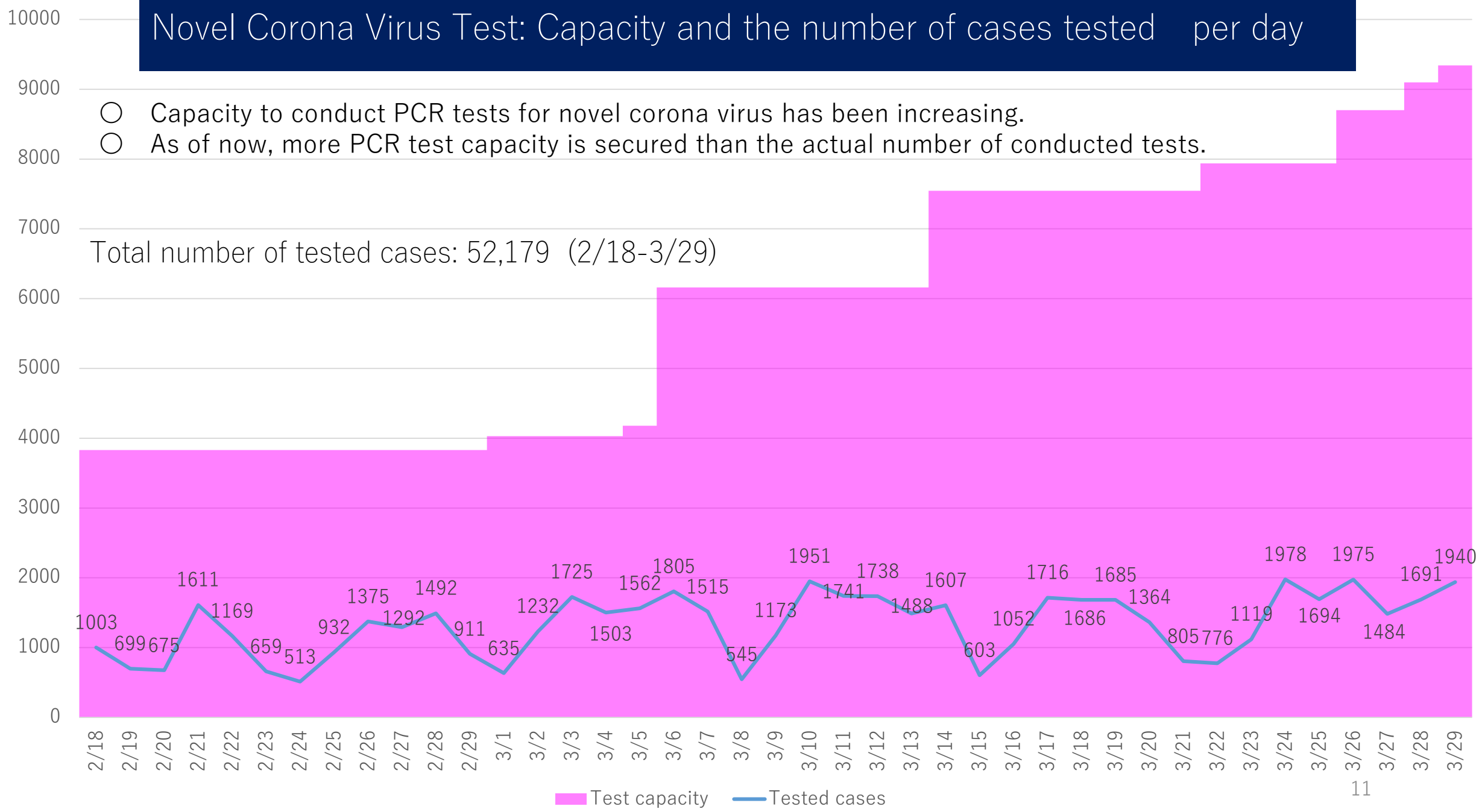


# Novel Corona Virus Test: Capacity and the number of cases tested per day

- Capacity to conduct PCR tests for novel corona virus has been increasing.
- As of now, more PCR test capacity is secured than the actual number of conducted tests.

Tested cases / per day

Total number of tested cases: 52,179 (2/18-3/29)



# 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)

