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Based on the national action plan, promote comprehensive measures against pandemic influenza and new infectious diseases according to the phases of the pandemic while encouraging collaboration and cooperation between the national government, local governments and business operators

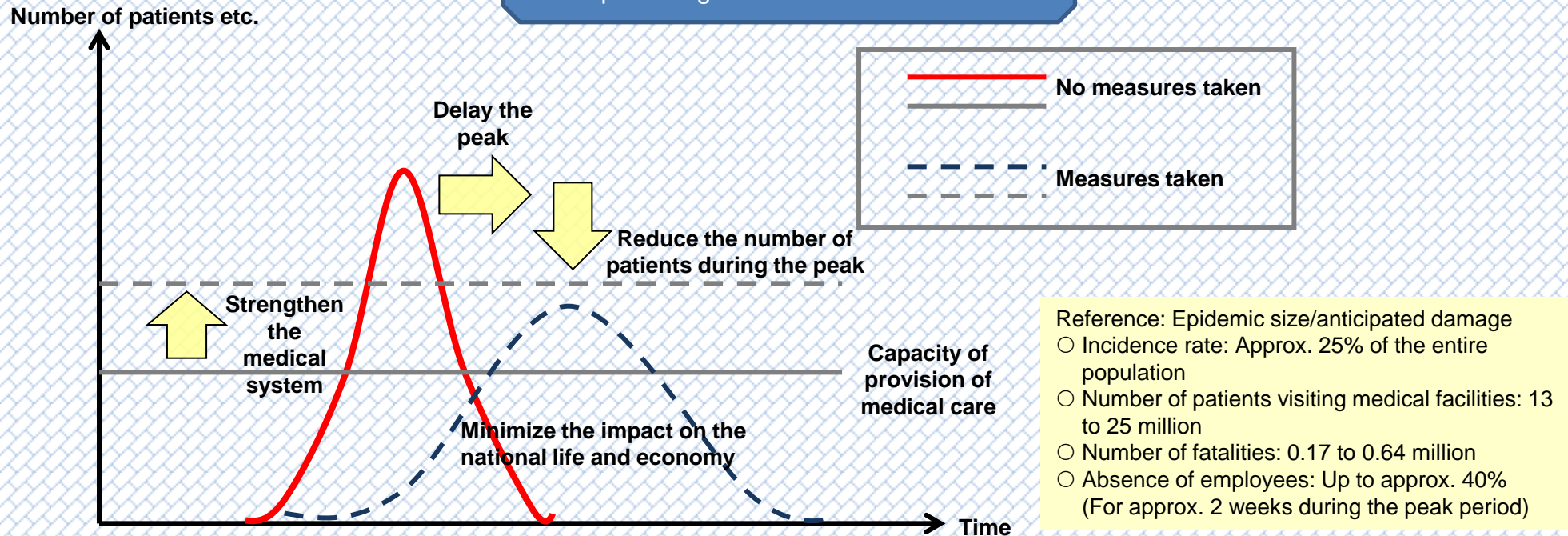
Purposes of measures and basic strategies

- Limit the spread of infection as much as possible to protect the lives and health of the people
- Minimize the impact on the daily lives of the people and the national economy
- * Respond flexibly according to the social situation
- * Give all necessary assistance so that local organizations such as medical institutions can easily take appropriate action

Notes for implementing measures

- Minimize the restriction of human rights
- Utilize the Act on Special Measures for Pandemic Influenza and New Infectious Diseases Preparedness and Response ("the Act on Special Measures") only as a tool for crisis management
- Ensure collaboration and cooperation between relevant institutions
- Record the decision-making process and maintain the record

Conceptual diagram of the effects of measures



* The figures shown above are estimated without regard to the impact (effect) of the intervention of anti-influenza virus drugs and the present Japanese medical system.

Points of the national action plan

- Latest action plan after the legislation of the Act on Special Measures
- Details of the implementation of various measures newly incorporated into the Act on Special Measures are included

1. Structure and system to combat pandemic influenza and new infectious disease

2. Prevention of the spread of infection

3. Vaccination

4. New infectious disease

5. Points to note

- Changes to the existing action plan (adopted at the ministerial meeting on countermeasures against novel influenza held on September 2011)

- Newly stipulated the role of designated (local) public institutions
- Newly stipulated the position of the Advisory Committee on Basic Action Policies
- Newly stipulated the procedures for a declaration of a emergency situation regarding pandemic influenza and new infectious disease

- Stipulated a legally binding order to refrain from going out unless it is urgent and unavoidable
- Stipulated a legally binding order to restrict the use of facilities

- Newly clarified the categories of business legally subject to prior vaccination
- Stipulated the fundamental principles for the priority order for vaccination for the people

- Newly included new infectious diseases in the scope of the action plan

- Placed greater emphasis on respect for fundamental human rights
- Newly stipulated the recording of the decision-making process

Outline of Measures According to the Phases of the Pandemic

	Overseas outbreak phase	Early phase of domestic outbreak	Domestic pandemic phase	Remission phase
Attitude toward measures	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Delay domestic outbreak as long as possible - Develop a system in preparation for a domestic outbreak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Implement infection control measures to delay the peak of epidemic - Develop a system in preparation for the spread of infection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Shift the focus from aggressive prevention of the spread of infection at an early phase to reduction of damage - Continue to conduct business activities including providing the necessary utilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assess the first wave of the epidemic to prepare for the second wave - Revive the medical system and socioeconomic activities
Implementation system	<p>Strengthen the system under the concerted efforts of the national government, local governments and designated public institutions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish headquarters (national government/prefectures) * Hold ministerial meetings as needed when infection is suspected - Determine basic action policies 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Establish local headquarters when needed in the early phase of a domestic outbreak <p>★ Issue a declaration of emergency situation when needed (Establish headquarters of municipal governments)</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change basic action policies corresponding with the spread of a domestic infection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Change basic action policies - Review measures
Surveillance/information gathering	<p>Conduct surveillance according to the phases of the pandemic</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collect information through international coalition - Enhance the surveillance system in preparation for a domestic outbreak 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Assess the total number of patients with pandemic influenza and new infectious disease - Acquire clinical information on patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Track the ongoing number of patients who are hospitalized or die, and assess the condition of severely ill patients - Assess the situation of the mass outbreak (Stop assessing the total number of patients in line with a significant increase in their number.) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Collect information related to the responses of other countries - Continue to assess the mass outbreak situation at schools etc.
Communication	<p>Disseminate information to the public in an integrated and understandable manner</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Provide information on the overseas outbreak situation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Enhance information-sharing with local governments and promote the dissemination of information to the public - Develop and strengthen the operations of call centers etc. 	<p>Same as on the left</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Review how to provide information - Summarize the various inquiries received by call centers etc.

(Note) The phases stated above should be taken only as a guide. Flexibly choose and implement the necessary measures.

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Infection prevention/Preventing the infection from spreading	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Commence border control measures - Procure sufficient vaccine - Prepare for and start prior vaccinations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare for and start vaccinations for the people - Encourage the people to wash their hands and follow cough etiquette ★ Request the people to refrain from going out unless it is urgent and unavoidable ★ Restrict the use of facilities such as school buildings etc. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Encourage the people to wash their hands and follow cough etiquette - Continue vaccinations for the people ★ Request the people to refrain from going out unless it is urgent and unavoidable* ★ Restrict the use of facilities such as school buildings etc.* <p>* These measures should be applied to special cases where the burden imposed on the medical system increases excessively in line with an increase in the number of patients.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to provide vaccinations to the people in preparation for the second wave
Medical care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Develop the medical system in preparation for a domestic outbreak - Establish outpatient departments for those who have returned from foreign countries where the outbreak of influenza is confirmed and those who show febrile and respiratory symptoms after having close contact with patients 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Continue to provide medical care at dedicated outpatient departments - Commence providing medical care at general medical institutions when needed - Provide information that contributes to diagnosis and treatment - Arrange the guidelines for appropriate distribution of anti-influenza virus drugs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mitigate the obligation of face-to-face treatment - Use stored anti-influenza virus drugs - Request healthcare professionals to perform medical care and offer compensation to them ★ Build temporary medical facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Store anti-influenza virus drugs
Ensuring the stability of the daily lives of the people and the national economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prepare for continuity of operations of designated public institutions - Prepare for countermeasures against infection at workplaces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask consumers to act in an appropriate manner and request business operators not to buy up goods and not to restrict their sales ★ Designated public institutions should initiate necessary measures to conduct their operations. ★ Deliver emergency supplies ★ Stabilize the price of products related to daily life 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Ask consumers to act in an appropriate manner and request business operations not to buy up goods and not to restrict their sales ★ Deliver emergency supplies ★ Stabilize the price of products related to daily life ★ Request business operators to sell goods ★ Provide necessary financing in emergency situations ★ Preserve the rights and interests of individuals 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ★ Provide necessary financing in emergency situations

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Pre-outbreak period (Advance preparation)

Formulate action plans (the national government, local governments, designated public institutions, etc.) /Conduct training/Provide information on infectious diseases and public health/ Research and develop vaccines/Store vaccines/Develop a system for vaccination/Store anti-influenza virus drugs/Develop local medical care systems