



## Japan to declare more COVID state if emergencies

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*Japan said on Friday it would declare a state of emergency in three more prefectures hit hard by the COVID-19 pandemic, in a surprise move reflecting growing concerns about the virus's spread.*

1-1. With just over two months \_\_\_\_\_

1-2. Japan is expanding its state of emergency \_\_\_\_\_

2. Economy Minister Yasutoshi Nishimura said on Friday, \_\_\_\_\_

3. Those three are Hokkaido, Okayama and Hiroshima, \_\_\_\_\_

4. The restrictions include eateries closing by 8pm, \_\_\_\_\_

5. The expanded list of areas under a state of emergency \_\_\_\_\_

6. Meanwhile, public opposition -- including from some doctors and athletes -- \_\_\_\_\_

7. A petition to cancel the games \_\_\_\_\_

8-1. That petition on [change.org](https://change.org) \_\_\_\_\_

8-2. a record pace \_\_\_\_\_  
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9. Dozens of towns due to host visiting athletes at pre-Games events \_\_\_\_\_  
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10. They said they cannot guarantee medical help, as experts say \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Japan's vaccination drive has been the slowest among advanced nations \_\_\_\_\_  
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12. Japan has seen \_\_\_\_\_

### [Vocabulary]

- **contain:** to keep something harmful within limits and not allow it to spread
  - *Farms in the area have been closed off in an attempt to contain the disease.*
  - *More police were sent to help contain the violence.*
- **infectious:** (of a disease) able to be passed from one person, animal, or plant to another
  - *an infectious disease*
  - *After the 21-day isolation period, Ebola survivors are no longer infectious.*
- **strain:** an animal or plant that is only slightly different from other animals or plants of the same type ; (biology) a group of organisms within a species that differ in trivial ways from similar groups
  - *A new strain of the virus has been found.*
  - *Every year new strains of influenza develop.*
- **restriction:** an official rule that limits what you can do or that limits the amount or size of something; the act of limiting or controlling someone or something
  - *...the lifting of restrictions on political parties and the news media.*
  - *The relaxation of travel restrictions means they are free to travel and work.*
- **eatery:** a place where you can buy and eat food.: a restaurant
  - *We met in a little eatery just off the main road.*
  - *...one of the most elegant old eateries in town.*
- **state of emergency:** If a government or other authority declares a state of emergency in an area, it introduces special measures such as increased powers for the police or army, usually because of civil disorder or because of a natural disaster such as an earthquake.
  - *A state of emergency has been declared.*

- *The President has declared a state of emergency.*

□ **petition:** a document signed by many people that asks someone in authority to do something

- *We recently presented the government with a petition signed by 4,500 people.*
- *More than 300 villagers have signed a petition against the construction project.*

□ **Change.org:** a petition website operated by San Francisco-based for-profit Change.org.

It has over 400 million users and offers users the ability to promote the petitions they care about to potential signers. The company is headquartered in San Francisco, California. The website serves to facilitate petitions by the general public. Popular topics of Change.org petitions are economic and criminal justice, human rights, education, environmental protection, animals rights, health, and sustainable food.

□ **forum:** A forum is an area of a website where users can post comments and have discussions.

- *After his remarks yesterday, internet forums were buzzing within minutes.*
- *If you have thoughts about this article, you can have your say in one of our discussion forums.*

□ **host:** to arrange a special event and provide the area, buildings, equipment, or services needed for it

- *Tonight she hosts a ball for 300 guests.*
- *...a banquet hosted by the president of Kazakhstan.*

□ **guarantee:** to make it certain that something will happen or exist; If one thing guarantees another, the first is certain to cause the second thing to happen.

- *Surplus resources alone do not guarantee growth.*
- *Our agency provides help for small businesses, but it cannot guarantee their success.*

□ **brink:** the point in time when something very bad or very good is about to happen; If you are on the brink of something, usually something important, terrible, or exciting, you are just about to do it or experience it.

- *Their economy is teetering on the brink of collapse.*
- *Failure to communicate had brought the two nations to the brink of war.*

□ **vaccination:** taking a vaccine as a precaution against contracting a disease

- *The Government needs to make up its mind what it wants to do about flu vaccination.*
- *The flu vaccination season is just getting under way.*

□ **drive:** a big effort to achieve something, especially by a company or government; the energy and determination that makes you try hard to achieve something

- *The latest promotional material is all part of a recruitment drive.*
- *The university sponsored a blood drive for the Red Cross.*

□ **case:** an instance of a disease; a person with a disease: A case is a person or their particular problem that a doctor, social worker, or other professional is dealing with.

- *...the case of a 57-year-old man who had suffered a stroke.*
- *Child protection workers were meeting to discuss her case.*

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