



# Japan declares state of emergency

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*Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe on Tuesday declared a state of emergency to fight new coronavirus infections in major population centers and unveiled a stimulus package he described as among the world's biggest to soften the economic blow.*

1-1. Japanese Prime Minister Shinzo Abe \_\_\_\_\_

1-2. giving authorities more power \_\_\_\_\_

2-1. It means authorities can do more to pressure people \_\_\_\_\_

2-2. although \_\_\_\_\_

3. So, enforcement will rely more \_\_\_\_\_

This was Abe on Tuesday:

JAPANESE PRIME MINISTER, SHINZO ABE, SAYING:

"If we can reduce social contact between people by at least 70 percent, or possibly 80 percent, we can ensure the virus peaks in two weeks and that number will decrease."

4-1. The state of emergency will last through to May 6 \_\_\_\_\_

4-2. accounting \_\_\_\_\_

5. It also comes with a stimulus package \_\_\_\_\_

6-1. Japan has been spared \_\_\_\_\_

6-2. but a recent, \_\_\_\_\_

6-3. led to \_\_\_\_\_

7. But he has stressed that the state of emergency will stop short \_\_\_\_\_

8-1. One of Japan's most prestigious hospitals also apologized \_\_\_\_\_

8-2. after 40 \_\_\_\_\_

8-3. and 18 \_\_\_\_\_

### [Vocabulary]

**state of emergency:** A situation of national danger or disaster in which a government suspends normal constitutional procedures in order to regain control; a condition, declared by a government, in which martial law applies, usually because of civil unrest or natural disaster

**enforcement:** the process of making sure that something happens, especially that people obey a law or rule

- *law enforcement*

**peer pressure:** a feeling that one must do the same things as other people of one's age and social group in order to be liked or respected by them

- *Most teenagers are sensitive to peer pressure.*
- *the peer pressure to have fashionable clothes*

**ensure:** to make certain that something happens or is done

- *The lifejacket had almost certainly ensured her survival.*
- *Our new system ensures that everyone gets paid on time.*

**impose:** to introduce something such as a new law or new system, and force people to accept it

- *rules and regulations imposed by national governments*
- *They have imposed restrictions on trade with foreign companies.*

**account for:** If a particular thing accounts for a part or proportion of something, that part or proportion consists of that thing, or is used or produced by it.

- *This product accounts for 50% of the company's revenue.*
- *'Social security accounts for about a third of total public spending.'*

**stimulus package:** a package of tax rebates and incentives used by the governments of various countries to stimulate economy and save their country from a financial crisis.

**trillion:** the number 1,000,000,000,000

- *sixteen trillion dollars*

- *over a trillion dollars in profit*
- **output**: the amount of something that a person, organization, system, etc. produces
  - *Industrial output increased by four percent last year.*
- **economic output**: The productivity of a country or region, measured by the value of goods and services produced
  - *The economic output of all countries in the EU has increased considerably during the last three decades.*
- **spare**: to prevent someone from experiencing an unpleasant, painful, or embarrassing situation or feeling
  - *Thank God she had been spared the ordeal of surgery.*
  - *The area was largely spared from the famine.*
- **major outbreak**: a major epidemic; an outbreak that persists for an unacceptably long time.
  - *suffer a major outbreak of influenza*
- **hot spot**: a place of significant activity, danger, or violence.
  - *They identified eight pollution hotspots at the mouth of the Thames.*
- **lead to**: to make someone think something; to cause or compel force one to do something
  - *The evidence led me to a different conclusion.*
  - *His continued misuse of the internet led his parents to ban him from using it altogether.*
- **stop short of**: to almost or partially do something but stop before going through with or completing it.
  - *She told him how much she cared for him, but stopped short of saying "I love you."*
  - *The president stopped short of declaring war, deciding to wait and see what the foreign leader would do next.*
- **lockdown**: a time when large numbers of people are ordered to stay at home either most or all of the time
  - *Britain is now in lockdown, and all non-essential businesses must close.*
  - *The minister suggested the lockdown rules announced last night could be made even stricter.*
- **prestigious**: admired and respected by people
  - *a prestigious school/institution/literary prize*
- **blunder**: a careless or embarrassing mistake; a stupid or careless mistake
  - *I think he made a tactical blunder by announcing it so far ahead of time.*
- **trainee**: someone who is being trained for a particular profession or job
  - *Trainees will learn a skill that is valued in many countries.*
  - *The firm hires ten accountant trainees a year.*

□ **trainee doctor**: an intern, resident or fellow. All have achieved a degree of medical doctor (MD).

□ **subsequently**: after something else happened

- *The disease first appeared in 1890 and subsequently spread to the rest of the country.*
- *We got married and subsequently bought a house.*

[参照辞書: Merriam-Webster, Oxford English Dictionary, Collins English Dictionary, Macmillan Dictionary, the Free Dictionary, Wikipedia]