

Governor Koike held an emergency press conference on COVID-19 on Wednesday night (March 25), and made a request to the people of Tokyo to prevent the spread of infection.

The following is a summary of her statement.

- On March 25, Tokyo had 41 newly confirmed COVID-19 cases.
- The number of individuals testing positive has increased from this week, with a total of 74 new cases in the three days from March 23 to 25.
- I wish everyone to realize that we are now in a critical phase where we might see an explosive rise in infections.
- Nothing is more important than the cooperation of the people of Tokyo to prevent this rapid increase in infections. I request each and every one of you to act with a sense of crisis.
- I would like you to continue to avoid the following “three Cs”: 1) closed spaces with poor ventilation, 2) places where many people gather closely together, and 3) close conversation.
- I request that you refrain from participating in events, regardless of whether they are held indoors or outdoors, and from gathering even in small numbers to dine or drink.
- For the time being, I wish people to work at home during the weekdays to all extent possible, and to refrain from going out at night. In addition, I request that you refrain from going outside this weekend for non-essential reasons.
- Those who have entered Japan (returned) from overseas are requested to refrain from going outside for 14 days after entering Japan.
- There will not be a lockdown right now. However, if we do not take appropriate measures now, a lockdown may become necessary. I request the cooperation of the people of Tokyo to prevent this from happening.

- TMG Emergency Situation Notification
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