

## Relevant Information on the Novel Coronavirus

Many Japanese government agencies and industry organizations, including the Prime Minister's Office, publish information on COVID-19. As it is often quite difficult to find the relevant information, below are some useful links.

In response to COVID-19, a wide range of information, from corporate support to private life, has been published and updated on a daily basis by various sources in Japan. In order to help you obtain the relevant information, we have compiled the following links provided by Japanese government agencies and industry organizations related to various fields and issues that may be of interest. Please note that this information may be updated at any time, so please check the links below for more information.

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### 1. BASIC INFORMATION

#### ● Prime Minister's Office

Useful Information on the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

[http://japan.kantei.go.jp/ongoingtopics/coronavirus\\_info\\_e.html](http://japan.kantei.go.jp/ongoingtopics/coronavirus_info_e.html)

The Act on Special Measures for Pandemic Influenza and New Infectious Diseases Preparedness and Response

[https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/search/elawsSearch/elaws\\_search/lsg0500/detail?lawId=424AC0000000031](https://elaws.e-gov.go.jp/search/elawsSearch/elaws_search/lsg0500/detail?lawId=424AC0000000031)

(Japanese)

Prepare Yourself for Novel Coronavirus Infection - Know What Measures Individuals Can Take

<https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/headline/kansensho/coronavirus.html> (Japanese)

### 2. BUSINESS SUPPORT & BUSINESS CONTINUITY

#### (1) Information on Financing and Cash Flow

#### ● Ministry of Finance

Support Measures for Businesses Affected by the Novel Coronavirus Disease (March 13, 2020 (Updated August 3, 2020))

[https://www.mof.go.jp/financial\\_system/fiscal\\_finance/coronavirus-jigyousya/coronavirus-jigyousya.html](https://www.mof.go.jp/financial_system/fiscal_finance/coronavirus-jigyousya/coronavirus-jigyousya.html) (Japanese)

#### ● Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Announcement regarding the Subsidy Program for Sustaining Businesses

<https://www.meti.go.jp/covid-19/jizokuka-kyufukin.html> (Japanese)

For those facing difficulties with cash flow as impact of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic spreads

<https://www.meti.go.jp/covid-19/pdf/shien-flyer.pdf> (Japanese)

In addition to the Japan Finance Corporation and Shoko Chukin Bank's special loans in relation to the Novel Coronavirus Disease, private financial institutions may also provide financial support.

<https://www.meti.go.jp/covid-19/pdf/shien-flyer2.pdf> (Japanese)

Scope of SMEs Targeted for Financial Assistance Due to Novel Coronavirus Expanded (April 24, 2020)

[https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0424\\_003.html](https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0424_003.html)

Brochure on METI's "Support Measures for Businesses Affected by Novel Coronavirus Disease" (Updated Sep 3, 2020)

<https://www.meti.go.jp/covid-19/pdf/pamphlet.pdf> (Japanese)

"Package of Measures for Supporting Businesses in Resuming their Business Operation Formulated" - As an effort under the Project for Encouraging SMEs to Advance the Productivity Revolution - (May 22, 2020)

[https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0522\\_004.html](https://www.meti.go.jp/english/press/2020/0522_004.html)

Announcement Regarding the Subsidy Program for Supporting Rent (Aug 28, 2020)

<https://www.meti.go.jp/covid-19/yachin-kyufu/index.html> (Japanese)

Guidelines of Industry Organizations (July 30, 2020)

The requirements for guidelines created by industry organizations and other organizations that are engaged in the

review of rent support subsidies, as well as the resulting guidelines, are available at the following website.

[https://www.meti.go.jp/covid-19/yachin-kyufu/guideline\\_youken.html](https://www.meti.go.jp/covid-19/yachin-kyufu/guideline_youken.html) (Japanese)

● Financial Services Agency and the Bank of Japan

Notice regarding the handling of bills and checks, etc. in consideration of the impact of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) infection (April 16, 2020)

<https://www.fsa.go.jp/en/ordinary/coronavirus202001/20200416bills.pdf>

Cash Flow Support for Businesses (Statement by Mr. Aso, Deputy Prime Minister, Minister of Finance and Minister of State for Financial Services) (May 27, 2020)

[https://www.fsa.go.jp/common/conference/danwa/20200527\\_2.html](https://www.fsa.go.jp/common/conference/danwa/20200527_2.html) (Japanese)

Notice regarding the Order Partially Amending the “Comprehensive Supervisory Guidelines for Major Banks” etc. for Clarification of Handling of Capital Borrowings

<https://www.fsa.go.jp/news/r1/ginkou/20200527.html> (Japanese)

● Bank of Japan

Introduction of “New Means of Financing” to Support Financing of SMEs

[https://www.boj.or.jp/announcements/release\\_2020/k200522a.pdf](https://www.boj.or.jp/announcements/release_2020/k200522a.pdf) (Japanese)

● Small and Medium-Sized Enterprise Agency

Rent Support Subsidy [for SMEs and Sole Proprietors]

<https://yachin-shien.go.jp/> (Japanese)

**(2) Information on Financing**

● Japan Federation of Bar Associations

For businesses that are worried about declining sales and funding due to the Novel Coronavirus: New loans, new guarantees, and local government financing systems

<https://www.nichibenren.or.jp/ja/sme/20200319.html> (Japanese)

**(3) Information on Business Revitalization**

● Small and Medium Enterprise Agency

COVID-19 Special Rescheduling Procedures (April 6, 2020)

<https://www.chusho.meti.go.jp/keiei/saisei/2020/200406saisei.html> (Japanese)

**(4) Information on Business Continuity**

● Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Employment Adjustment Subsidies (Special Cases Associated with the Impact of COVID-19)

[https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/koyou\\_roudou/koyou/kyufukin/pageL07.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/koyou_roudou/koyou/kyufukin/pageL07.html) (Japanese)

● Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

Guidelines for Responding to and Continuing Business in the Case of a Novel Coronavirus Infection

[https://www.maff.go.jp/j/saigai/n\\_coronavirus/ncv\\_guideline.html](https://www.maff.go.jp/j/saigai/n_coronavirus/ncv_guideline.html) (Japanese)

● Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

Implementation of construction work and operations based on the declaration of a State of Emergency relating to the Novel Coronavirus infection (Applicable to “Force Majeure” in the General Terms and Conditions for Standard Construction Work Contracts; April 8, 2020)

<http://www.mlit.go.jp/tec/content/001339762.pdf> (Japanese)

In light of the impact of the Novel Coronavirus pandemic, special measures related to management examination in the construction industry will be taken until January 31, 2021. The Ministerial Ordinance for Partial Revision of the Ordinance for Enforcement of the Construction Business Act was promulgated.

[https://www.mlit.go.jp/report/press/totikensangyo13\\_hh\\_000693.html](https://www.mlit.go.jp/report/press/totikensangyo13_hh_000693.html) (Japanese)

● Cabinet Secretariat

List of Guidelines by Industry

[https://corona.go.jp/prevention/pdf/guideline\\_20200514.pdf](https://corona.go.jp/prevention/pdf/guideline_20200514.pdf) (Japanese)

● Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Leaflets on Support Measures by Industry

<https://www.meti.go.jp/covid-19/leaflet/index.html> (Japanese)

**(5) Miscellaneous**

● Prime Minister’s Office

Support Measures for Life and Businesses

[https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/pages/coronavirus\\_shien.html](https://www.kantei.go.jp/jp/pages/coronavirus_shien.html)  
(Japanese)

### 3. LABOR AND EMPLOYMENT

- National Center of Incident Readiness and Strategy for Cybersecurity

Security Considerations for Telework (April 14, 2020)  
<https://www.nisc.go.jp/active/general/pdf/telework20200414.pdf> (Japanese)

- Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Active Utilization of Telework  
[https://www.soumu.go.jp/main\\_sosiki/joho\\_tsusin/telework/02ryutsu02\\_04000341.html](https://www.soumu.go.jp/main_sosiki/joho_tsusin/telework/02ryutsu02_04000341.html) (Japanese)

- Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

For businesses concerned about costs associated with introducing telework (PDF format: 317 KB) PDF file  
<https://www.meti.go.jp/covid-19/pdf/it-hojo.pdf> (Japanese)

Key points in managing confidential information during telework (Q & A Commentary) (May 7, 2020)  
[https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/economy/chizai/chiteki/pdf/teleworkqa\\_20200507.pdf](https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/economy/chizai/chiteki/pdf/teleworkqa_20200507.pdf) (Japanese)

- Japan Business Federation (Keidanren)

Keidanren Online Course “Emergency Introduction of Telework as a Countermeasure Against the Novel Coronavirus - Targeting Small and Medium-Sized Businesses” (April 28, 2020)  
<http://www.keidanren.or.jp/announce/2020/0428telework.html> (Japanese)

Guidelines for Preventing the Spread of Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19) in Offices (May 14, 2020)  
[https://www.keidanren.or.jp/en/policy/2020/040\\_guideline1.html](https://www.keidanren.or.jp/en/policy/2020/040_guideline1.html)

- Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

Q&A for Novel Coronavirus COVID-19 (for Businesses) (Aug 26, 2020)  
[https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou\\_iryou/dengue\\_fever\\_qa\\_00007.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryou/dengue_fever_qa_00007.html) (Japanese)

Grants for Promoting Workstyle Reform (Telework course for Novel Coronavirus infection control measures) (April 28, 2020)  
[https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/koyou\\_roudou/roudoukijun/jikan/syokubaisikitelework.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/koyou_roudou/roudoukijun/jikan/syokubaisikitelework.html) (Japanese)

- Personal Information Protection Commission

Handling of Individual Numbers in the Case of Utilizing Telework in Business Entities, etc. (April 15, 2020)  
[https://www.ppc.go.jp/news/careful\\_information/covid-19\\_mynumber\\_qa/](https://www.ppc.go.jp/news/careful_information/covid-19_mynumber_qa/) (Japanese)

- Japan Telework Association

Measures Against Novel Coronavirus Infections: Introduction of Telework Emergency Introduction Support Program  
[https://japan-telework.or.jp/anticorona\\_telework\\_support/](https://japan-telework.or.jp/anticorona_telework_support/) (Japanese)

### 4. SHAREHOLDERS MEETINGS, SETTLEMENT OF ACCOUNTS, ETC.

#### (1) Information on General Meeting of Shareholders

- Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and Ministry of Justice

Questions and Answers on the Management of Shareholders Meetings (April 2, 2020 (Updated April 28, 2020))  
[https://www.meti.go.jp/covid-19/kabunushi\\_sokai\\_qa.html](https://www.meti.go.jp/covid-19/kabunushi_sokai_qa.html) (Japanese)

- Ministry of Justice

Holding of Ordinary General Meetings of Shareholders (February 28, 2020 (Updated May 15, 2020))  
[http://www.moj.go.jp/MINJI/minji07\\_00021.html](http://www.moj.go.jp/MINJI/minji07_00021.html) (Japanese)

- Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Dealing with General Meetings of Shareholders (Holding online, etc.) and Corporate Financial Statements and Audits (June 12, 2020)  
[https://www.meti.go.jp/covid-19/kabunushi\\_sokai.html](https://www.meti.go.jp/covid-19/kabunushi_sokai.html) (Japanese)

#### (2) Information concerning Settlement of Accounts and Accounting Inspection

- Financial Services Agency

Networking group on corporate disclosure, financial reporting, and auditing of listed companies in consideration of the impact of the COVID-19 (Novel Coronavirus) pandemic, April 15, 2020

<https://www.fsa.go.jp/singi/coronakansakyougikai/index.html>  
(Japanese)

Extension of the Deadline for Submission of Annual Reports in Accordance with the COVID-19 Declaration of a State of Emergency (April 14, 2020; Updated April 22, 2020)

<https://www.fsa.go.jp/news/r1/sonota/20200414.html>  
(Japanese)

Response to Settlement of Accounts and Audit Services Based on the Impact of COVID-19 (Administrative Liaison)

<https://www.fsa.go.jp/ordinary/coronavirus202001/10.pdf>  
(Japanese)

Publication of “Disclosure of Corporate Information on the Impact of COVID-19”

<https://www.fsa.go.jp/news/r1/sonota/20200521.html>  
(Japanese)

- Tokyo Stock Exchange

“Special Provisions in the Listing Rules in Consideration of the Impact of Spread of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19)” (March 31, 2020)

<https://www.jpx.co.jp/english/rules-participants/public-comment/detail/d01/20200331.html>

Handling of ex-dividend when the record date is changed (update)

<https://www.jpx.co.jp/english/news/1030/20200513-02.html>

- Financial Services Agency

Publication of “Disclosure of Descriptive Information on the Impact of COVID-19 Q & A - Key Points of Favorable Disclosure Expected by Investors”

<https://www.fsa.go.jp/news/r1/sonota/20200529.html>  
(Japanese)

### (3) Information relating to Disclosure

- Tokyo Stock Exchange

Handling of Timely Disclosure of the Effects of the Novel Coronavirus Outbreak on Business

<https://www.jpx.co.jp/english/news/1023/20200210-01.html>

Response to the Spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19): Overview of TSE Disclosure & Listing Rule Policy (March 18, 2020)

<https://www.jpx.co.jp/english/news/1020/e20200318-01.html>

Risk disclosures regarding the impact of Coronavirus (COVID-19) on business activities (March 18, 2020)

<https://www.jpx.co.jp/english/news/1023/20200318-01.html>

## 5. TAX MATTERS

- National Tax Agency

For taxpayers who face difficulty paying their national tax due to the influence of the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) – You can apply for grace period for tax payment (July 2020)

[https://www.nta.go.jp/english/tax\\_payment/pdf/0020004-165.pdf](https://www.nta.go.jp/english/tax_payment/pdf/0020004-165.pdf)

Partial Revision of the Corporate Tax Basic Instructions (Notice of Interpretation of Laws and Regulations) (April 13, 2020)

<https://www.nta.go.jp/law/tsutatsu/kihon/hojin/kaisei/2004xx/index.htm> (Japanese)

Updating “Frequently Asked Questions: Measures to Prevent the Spread of Novel Coronavirus Infections in National Taxes and Current Tax Treatment such as Filing and Tax Payment” (July 1, 2020)

<https://www.nta.go.jp/taxes/shiraberu/kansensho/pdf/faq.pdf>  
(Japanese)

- Ministry of Finance

“Special Measures’ that Grants a Grace of Tax Payment” (April 30, 2020)

[https://www.mof.go.jp/tax\\_policy/brochure1.pdf](https://www.mof.go.jp/tax_policy/brochure1.pdf) (Japanese)

Tax Measures in Emergency Economic Measures for Novel Coronavirus Infections (June 26, 2020)

[https://www.mof.go.jp/tax\\_policy/keizaitaisaku.html](https://www.mof.go.jp/tax_policy/keizaitaisaku.html)  
(Japanese)

## 6. ANTIMONOPOLY LAW AND SUBCONTRACTING LAW

- Fair Trade Commission

Q & A on Antimonopoly Law concerning measures against Novel Coronavirus infections (April 23, 2020)

<https://www.iftc.go.jp/oshirase/coronaqa.html> (Japanese)

Fair Trade Commission's response to the measures taken by operators, etc. related to Novel Coronavirus infections (April 28, 2020)

<https://www.jftc.go.jp/houdou/pressrelease/2020/apr/200428.html> (Japanese)

Considerations in dealing with freelancers and sole proprietors who are affected by Novel Coronavirus infections (March 10, 2020)

[https://www.jftc.go.jp/houdou/pressrelease/2020/mar/200310\\_yousei.html](https://www.jftc.go.jp/houdou/pressrelease/2020/mar/200310_yousei.html) (Japanese)

Subcontracting Q & A on the spread of Novel Coronavirus infections (May 13, 2020)

<https://www.jftc.go.jp/oshirase/coronashitaukeqa.html> (Japanese)

## 7. PERSONAL INFORMATION AND SECURITY

### ● Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

Key Points in Managing Confidential Information during Telework (Q & A Commentary) (May 7, 2020)

[https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/economy/chizai/chiteki/pdf/teleworkqa\\_20200507.pdf](https://www.meti.go.jp/policy/economy/chizai/chiteki/pdf/teleworkqa_20200507.pdf) (Japanese)

### ● National Center for Incident Readiness and Strategy for Cybersecurity

Security Considerations for Telework (April 14, 2020)

<https://www.nisc.go.jp/active/general/pdf/telework20200414.pdf> (Japanese)

### ● Personal Information Protection Commission

Handling of Personal Data for Preventing the Spread of Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Disease (May 15, 2020)

[https://www.ppc.go.jp/en/legal/Covid-19\\_en/](https://www.ppc.go.jp/en/legal/Covid-19_en/)

## 8. OTHER INFORMATION PUBLISHED BY PUBLIC OFFICES

### ● Cabinet Secretariat

COVID-19 Information and Resources

<https://corona.go.jp/en/>

### ● Cabinet Office

Associated with Novel Coronavirus infections

<https://www.cao.go.jp/others/kichou/covid-19.html> (Japanese)

### ● Fair Trade Commission

Associated with Novel Coronavirus infections

<https://www.jftc.go.jp/oshirase/200227oshirase.html> (Japanese)

### ● National Police Agency

Measures against Novel Coronavirus Infections

[https://www.npa.go.jp/bureau/soumu/corona/index\\_corona\\_special.html](https://www.npa.go.jp/bureau/soumu/corona/index_corona_special.html) (Japanese)

### ● Financial Services Agency

Associated with Novel Coronavirus infections

<https://www.fsa.go.jp/ordinary/coronavirus202001/press.html> (Japanese)

### ● Consumer Affairs Agency

Consumer Information on Novel Coronavirus Infections

[https://www.caa.go.jp/policies/policy/consumer\\_policy/information/notice\\_200227.html](https://www.caa.go.jp/policies/policy/consumer_policy/information/notice_200227.html) (Japanese)

### ● Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications

Associated with Coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19)

[https://www.soumu.go.jp/menu\\_seisaku/gyoumukanri\\_sonota/covid-19/index.html](https://www.soumu.go.jp/menu_seisaku/gyoumukanri_sonota/covid-19/index.html) (Japanese)

### ● Ministry of Justice

Information on Novel Coronavirus Infections (COVID-19)

<http://www.moj.go.jp/hisho/kouhou/20200131comment.html> (Japanese)

### ● Ministry of Foreign Affairs

Information on the Novel Coronavirus Disease (COVID-19)

[https://www.mofa.go.jp/p\\_pd/pds/page22e\\_000910.html](https://www.mofa.go.jp/p_pd/pds/page22e_000910.html)

### ● Ministry of Finance

Information on Novel Coronavirus Infections

[https://www.mof.go.jp/2020\\_coronavirus/index.html](https://www.mof.go.jp/2020_coronavirus/index.html) (Japanese)

### ● Ministry of Education, Culture, Sports, Science and Technology

[COVID-19] Information about MEXT's measures

[https://www.mext.go.jp/en/mext\\_00006.html](https://www.mext.go.jp/en/mext_00006.html)



● Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

About Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

[https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/newpage\\_00032.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/newpage_00032.html)

Q & A on Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) (April 1, 2020)

[https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou\\_iryou/dengue\\_fever\\_qa\\_00014.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/kenkou_iryou/dengue_fever_qa_00014.html)

● Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries

About Novel Coronavirus Infections

[https://www.maff.go.jp/j/saigai/n\\_coronavirus/index.html](https://www.maff.go.jp/j/saigai/n_coronavirus/index.html)  
(Japanese)

● Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry

METI's Support Measures for Companies Concerning the Impact of the Novel Coronavirus Disease

<https://www.meti.go.jp/english/covid-19/index.html>

● Ministry of Land, Infrastructure, Transport and Tourism

MLIT's Response to Novel Coronavirus Infections

[https://www.mlit.go.jp/kikikanri/kikikanri\\_tk\\_000018.html](https://www.mlit.go.jp/kikikanri/kikikanri_tk_000018.html)  
(Japanese)

● Ministry of the Environment

Measures against Infectious Diseases Associated with the Novel Coronavirus

[https://www.env.go.jp/saigai/novel\\_coronavirus\\_2020.html](https://www.env.go.jp/saigai/novel_coronavirus_2020.html)  
(Japanese)

● CLAIR (Council of Local Authorities for International Relations)

Novel Corona Virus-related Information (For Supporters)

<http://www.clair.or.jp/tabunka/portal/info/contents/114514.php>  
(Japanese)

● Japan Exchange Group (JPX)

JPX response to spread of Novel Coronavirus

<https://www.jpx.co.jp/english/corporate/news/news-releases/0020/20200305-01.html>

9. LINKS TO JAPANESE DIPLOMATIC OFFICES, ETC.

Peoples' Republic of China

[https://www.cn.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_zh/index.html](https://www.cn.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_zh/index.html)

Hong Kong

[https://www.hk.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_zh/index.html](https://www.hk.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_zh/index.html)  
(Chinese)

[https://www.hk.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_en/index.html](https://www.hk.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html)  
(English)

Taiwan (Taiwan Exchange Association)

<https://www.koryu.or.jp/tw/about/taipei/> (Chinese)

<https://www.koryu.or.jp/en/about/taipei/> (English)

India

[https://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_en/index.html](https://www.in.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html)

Indonesia

[https://www.id.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_id/index.html](https://www.id.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_id/index.html)

Malaysia

[https://www.my.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_en/index.html](https://www.my.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html)

Philippines

[https://www.ph.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_en/index.html](https://www.ph.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html)

Singapore

[https://www.sg.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_en/index.html](https://www.sg.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html)

Thailand

[https://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_th/index.html](https://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_th/index.html) (Thai)

[https://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_en/index.html](https://www.th.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_en/index.html)  
(English)

Vietnam

[https://www.vn.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop\\_vi/index.html](https://www.vn.emb-japan.go.jp/itprtop_vi/index.html)

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