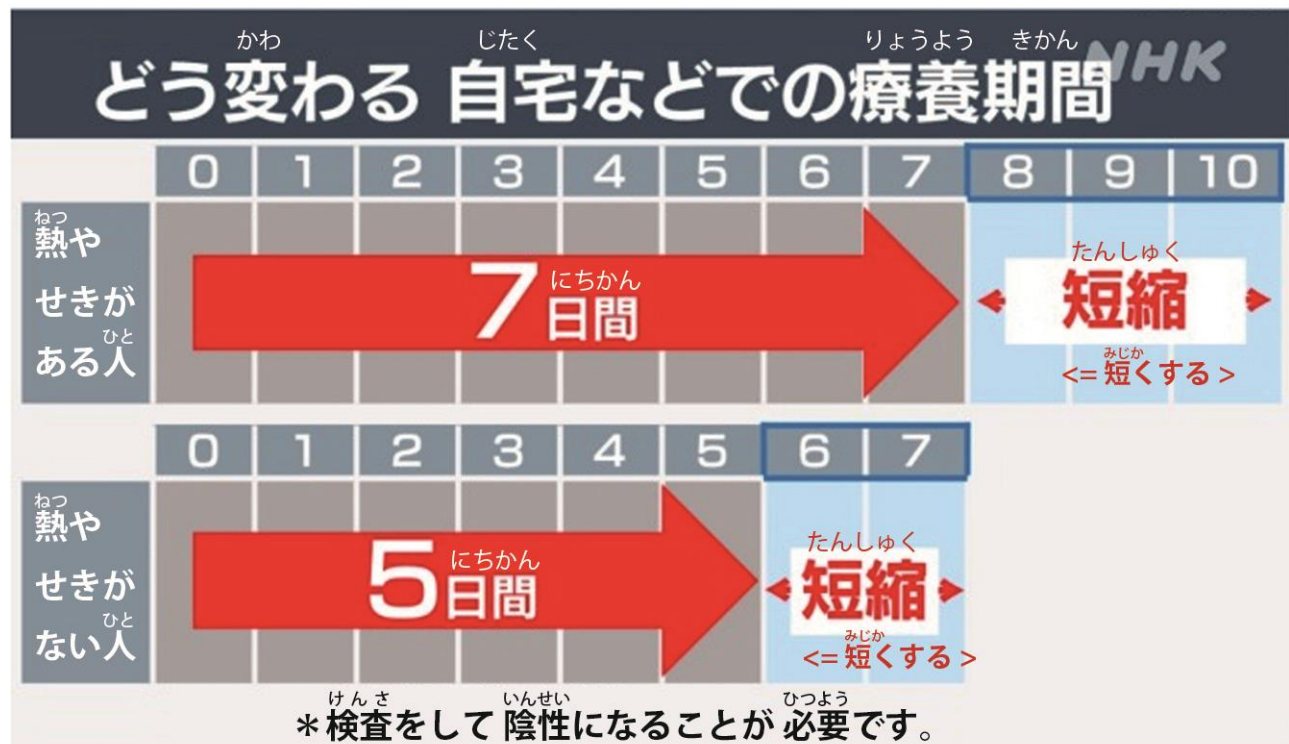


Japanese govt. decides on easing restrictions for COVID patients



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The Japanese government has officially decided to ease restrictions for coronavirus patients, including shorter periods of self-isolation.

The decision on Thursday evening comes after the government's advisory panel met and approved the plans earlier in the day.

Under the new measures, the isolation period of symptomatic patients will be shortened to seven days from the current 10 days. The period for asymptomatic patients will be reduced to five days from seven days on the condition of negative test results.

Restrictions on the movement of COVID patients recuperating at home will be eased as well. Those who have shown little or no symptoms for more than 24 hours will be allowed to go out for essential errands as long as they take anti-infection steps.

The government will also simplify a nationwide system for reporting new cases, starting from September 26.

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