

Section 7

The summary of Measures against novel influenza

In order to summarize the countermeasures taken by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare for the current outbreak of novel influenza (A/H1N1) and to best use this (summary) in revision of response to future resurgence of novel influenza (A/H1N1) and countermeasure for outbreak of avian influenza (H5N1), we established Summary Meeting for measures against novel influenza (A/H1N1) (hereinafter referred to as "Summary Meeting") under Headquarters for measures against novel influenza of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare on 31 March 2010 and have conducted consideration.

In Summary Meeting, we have conducted consideration in regard to future tasks, especially shoreline measure, public health measure, surveillance, public relation system, medical care system, vaccine etc. based on hearing of opinions etc. of committed on-site persons and experts of respective sectors. Summary Meeting was held seven times since 31 March 2010 with report being summarized on 10 June of the same year (Chart 1-7-1).

Hereafter, based on the contents of suggestion by Summary Meeting as well as in cooperation with Cabinet Secretariat and related ministries and agencies, we shall conduct revision of Action Plan for Measures against novel influenza and Guidelines etc. providing against resurgence of the current novel influenza (A/H1N1) and outbreak of avian influenza (H5N1), thereby best use this (summary) in strengthening future organizational framework.

Chart 1-7-1 Summary of Report by the General Meeting for Measures against Novel Influenza (A / H1N1)

June, 10 2010	
<p>◆ General matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 【flexible response to pathogenicity etc.】 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Construct a system for flexible decision by comprehensively considering not only infectiousness but also impact etc. on health including fatality etc. to prepare beforehand plural choices of measures 2. 【Swift and reasonable decision-making system】 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Construct a system that clarifies decision-making process and those responsible, and ensure swift and reasonable decision-making 3. 【Relation with regions and advance preparation】 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Preparedness at pre-epidemic stage by concerned people through repeated discussion on countermeasure and drills 4. 【Strengthening of system concerning infection crisis management】 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Significant strengthening of organizations and the personnel system that specialize infection crisis management, proper management of related institutions, division of the roles, and clarification of relations 5. 【development of laws】 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ As regards proper state for general countermeasure for infections, taking into consideration International Health Law, opinions of municipalities and concerned academics, in response to necessity revise Infection Act and Preventive Vaccination Act etc. and clarify the legal basis of various measures 	
<p>◆ Surveillance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Strengthening of surveillance from routine level involving National Institute of Infectious Disease, health care centers, local Institute of Public Health 	<p>◆ Public health measure (temporary closure of schools etc.)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Consideration of implementation method of temporary closure of schools with its socio-economic influence taken into account □ The effectiveness of temporary closure of schools etc. and proper management for the closure
<p>◆ Public relations and risk communication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Establishment of system specialized in public relations and risk communication and personnel expansion □ Establish full - time spokesperson. □ Discussion on a prompt and direct information provision 	<p>◆ Medical care system</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Consideration of medical care provision system familiar with local situation □ Reconsideration of necessity of establishment and implementation method of Fever Consultation Center and high-fever outpatient departments
<p>◆ Shoreline measures</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Considering pathogenicity and based on experts' opinions, ensure flexibility in changing the scale □ Further information gathering of the effect of shoreline measures 	<p>◆ Vaccine</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> □ Strengthening of domestic vaccine production system □ Prompt formulation of vaccination guidelines (organizations responsible, cost-sharing, mass vaccination etc. are to be discussed) □ Prompt and utmost endeavor toward the solution of the current issue of vaccine stock



- ✓ Discussion on a revision of the Novel Influenza Action Plan and the Guidelines should be promptly started and realized.
- ✓ Demand for realization of system strengthening at the pre-epidemic stage