
JAPAN DECLARES STATE OF EMERGENCY IN TOKYO AREA AFTER DAYS OF HESITATION

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After days of record coronavirus counts and a rapidly rising death toll, Japan declared a state of emergency in Tokyo and three surrounding prefectures on Thursday, the countrys first such declaration since April.

The announcement by Prime Minister Yoshihide Suga came five days after governors from the affected prefectures had pleaded with the central government to act, and after his own coronavirus expert panel had recommended the emergency declaration, citing explosive growth in infections in the vast capital region.

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