

COVID-19パンデミック下の マスギャザリングイベントと 公衆衛生対策

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COVID-19:新型コロナウイルス感染症
EOC:緊急時対応センター
IOC:国際オリンピック委員会
MCI:多数傷病者事故
WHO:世界保健機関
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北京2022大会:北京2022オリンピック・パラリンピック競技大会
Beijing2022: Beijing 2022 Olympic and Paralympic Games
COVID-19: Novel coronavirus disease
EBS: Event-based surveillance
EOC: Emergency Operations Center
GOJ: Government of Japan
IBS: Indicator-based surveillance
IOC: International Olympic Committee
MCI: Mass Casualty Incident
MHLW: Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare
NIID: National Institute of Infectious Diseases
TMG: Tokyo Metropolitan Government
Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee:
The Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Tokyo 2020: Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games
WHO: World Health Organization

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Summary

Mass gathering events, such as the Olympics and other large-scale international events, require preparation and response to various risks. In addition to securing the safety of those involved in the event, organizers should ensure that the local medical and public health systems are not negatively affected. Japan has experienced various large-scale international mass gathering events, and the focus has been on emergency medical care and mass disaster preparedness. However, the importance of preparedness for public health emergencies, such as infectious disease outbreaks, has also been highlighted. The Research Group on Health Security for Mass Gatherings/High Profile Events, funded by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare (MHLW) Health Science Research Fund has investigated public health preparedness in various mass gatherings and high-profile events such as the Tokyo 2020 Olympic and Paralympic Games (Tokyo2020) and the G20 Summit. The Research Group organized the first International Symposium on Mass Gathering and Public Health Preparedness in 2019 to introduce countermeasures and lessons learned from mass-gathering events in 2019 and preparations for Tokyo2020. However, the subsequent outbreak of the novel coronavirus disease (COVID-19) spotlighted COVID-19 countermeasures at mass gatherings.

This symposium reviewed Tokyo2020, an international mass gathering event that took place in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, through the presentations of seven speakers. The presentations provided an overview of infection prevention and control for Tokyo2020, infectious disease surveillance and response, medical systems, efforts, achievements, and challenges from the perspectives of the International Olympic Committee, Organising Committee, and host city. It was recognized that new organizations and collaborative frameworks were introduced, functioned well, and were strengthened, and that the introduction of digital technologies such as online conferencing during the pandemic also contributed to this. The speakers also emphasized the importance of flexibility, as in the context of COVID-19, many factors were in flux. Although Tokyo2020 is considered to have been a success, issues related to risk communication to people not involved in it were also raised in the discussion.

Agenda

Presentation Title	Speaker
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Keynote: Planning for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in a Pandemic; Challenges and Lessons	Brian McCloskey Public Health Advisor, International Olympic Committee and Senior Consulting Fellow, Global Health Programme, Chatham House, London, United Kingdom
COVID-19 preparedness for Tokyo 2020	SAITO Tomoya, MD, MPH, PhD Director, Center for Emergency Preparedness and Response, NIID, Japan
Infectious Disease Surveillance and Response for Tokyo 2020	SHIMADA Tomoe, MD, PhD Chief, Division for Epidemic Intelligence Training and Practice, Center for Field Epidemic Intelligence, Research and Professional Development, NIID, Japan
Activities and issues of Academic Consortium of medical preparedness during Tokyo Olympic/Paralympic Games in 2020	MORIMURA Naoto, MD, PhD Professor and Chair, Department of Emergency Medicine, Teikyo University School of Medicine, Japan
The role of Tokyo 2020 IDCC for COVID-19 preparedness and response in the Games	SHIMADA Satoshi, MD, PhD Former Director of Public Health, Department of Medical Service, Games Operation Bureau, the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games
Host city's public health activities: Tokyo Metropolitan Government	SUGISHITA Yoshiyuki, MD, MPH, PhD Infectious Disease Control Division, Bureau of Social Welfare and Public Health, Tokyo Metropolitan Government
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Opening Remarks/About our Project

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In Japan, several mass gatherings and highprofile events, including the Olympics and Paralympics, were scheduled for 2019–2020. With the recent global promotion to build a core capacity for health security, such mass gatherings are considered an important opportunity to strengthen the response capacity for health crises (health security). The Health and Labor Sciences Research Group "Health Security for Mass Gatherings/High Profile Events" began its activities in 2019. This symposium is part of the research project of this research group.

The objectives of the group are first, to document and review public health preparedness and response to international mass gathering events in 2019–2020, and second, to build a legacy of support for public health preparedness for mass gathering events for future countries and organizations hosting these events. In January 2020, we organized an international symposium, Mass Gathering and Public Health Measures, to review the measures taken for the G20 Osaka Summit and the Rugby World Cup 2019, as well as to discuss measures for Tokyo2020, which had been scheduled for 2020.

The purpose of this event was to review the international mass gathering event held under the COVID-19 pandemic, the overall picture of infection prevention and control measures for Tokyo2020, infectious disease surveillance and response, medical systems, and efforts from the perspectives of the International Olympic Committee, the Organising Committee, and the host city, and to share the achievements and challenges widely for future mass gathering events.

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背景 Background:

- ・2019~2020年にオリンピックを含む複数のマスギャザリング/注目度の高レイベントを開催 Japan hosts several mass gathering events/high profile events in 2019 and 2020 including Japan hosts several mass gathering events/high prof Olympic games.
 - avmpic games. ・ 備染症アウトブレイク疫健康危機のリスク Potential health security risks such as infectious disease outbreak
- ・世界保健機関は国際保健規則に基づく健康危機コアキャバシティの構築を促進
- ビュアはなぜの知りは三国時に休眠が知りに、参うく解認力増出ノアキャパシティの構築を促進
 WHO is encouraging strengthening core capacity under International Health Regulations (IHR).
 アフラーアクションレビュー: 健康充満コアキャパシティの評価とモニタリングのキネ42の一つ After-action-review: one of 4 pillars of monitoring and evaluation of the IHR core capacity
 マスキャザリング: 健康充満対応能力 (ヘルスセキュリティ) 弾化の重要な構会 Mass gathering ~ crucial opportunity for reinforcing health security.

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Public health activities

in the host cities

- 1.2019-2020に開催される国際的マスギャザリングにおける 公衆衛生事前準備と対策をレビューする Review public health preparedness and response for the international mass gathering events in Japan during 2019-2020
- マスギャザリングイベントのための公衆衛生事前準備を支援 するレガシーを構築する。
 Develop a legacy for guiding public health preparedness for mass gathering events.

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Session 2 Keynote

Planning for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in a Pandemic; Challenges and Lessons



Public Health Adviser, International Olympic Committee and Senior Consulting Fellow, Global Health Programme, Chatham House, London **Dr. Brian McCloskey**

Good morning, good afternoon, and good evening, everyone. Thank you for the opportunity to speak here today and thank you for your attendance. I just want to briefly talk about what we did lead up to Tokyo2020, from the perspective of the public health advisor to the International Olympic Committee (IOC). I also work closely with the World Health Organization on mass gatherings.

I want to show the challenges that we had in preparing for Tokyo2020 this year. The fact that the games were delayed by a year, gave us an additional 12 months to think about the planning and to get ready for what we would do in the pandemic. It also meant that we had 12 months when the pandemic itself was evolving. We were learning on a daily basis more about COVID-19, how to manage it and we were constantly trying to keep up-to-date and to adjust our plans as we learned more about what COVID-19 was and how it could be managed. We also had to try and predict how that pandemic would evolve over the period of the 12 months, and that was challenging because most people around the world were just starting to learn about COVID-19. We were trying to predict what it would be like 12 months in advance. We were also looking at an evidence base, which was not at all well developed. And some of the things that we had to think about, for example, international travel restrictions, where despite the advice of World Health Organization (WHO), a large number of countries around the world were bringing in travel restrictions, but it was not clear that the evidence justified it or that we could understand how effective it would or would not be. Similarly, we were developing a testing strategy. We knew testing would be important, but we were not sure what was the most effective strategy that would reduce the risk of COVID-19 spreading in the Games. Our main concern was to reduce spread of COVID-19 within the games itself, but also, very importantly, to avoid spread between the international community traveling to Japan and the Japanese population and bringing infection back from Japan to the rest of the world.

We were developing a vaccination policy at a time when there were no vaccines, but we knew vaccines were coming. And we knew that public health and social measures would be important, but, again, the evidence base of how effective they would be and what difference they would make, was not clear. We also had to deal with public concerns because the games at that time were not very popular with the Japanese population and as COVID-19 evolved, the population became more nervous and there were more calls for the games to be abandoned. We also had concerns raised by scientists, epidemiologists, public health around the world saying that the games were a risk for a superspreading event and should be canceled. We had to deal with both the scientific concerns and the concerns of the population of Tokyo.

The initial approach was to use all of the standard COVID-19 counter-measures that the WHO had been advocating since the beginning of the pandemic. That meant the standard public health and social measures that everybody was becoming familiar with, such as social distancing, respiratory and hand hygiene, mask wearing and good ventilation, particularly at indoor areas. We also recognized the importance that WHO has always put on the capacity for test, trace and isolate to ensure that any possible case of COVID-19 arising would be identified, would be managed, contacts would be identified and managed, and the risk would be reduced. There was increasing evidence throughout that year from sporting events and mass gatherings around the world that testing a population regularly during the event was an important means of reducing the risk, but with very little science about how best to do that. We were also looking at vaccination, but at this stage there were no vaccines available, when we started. We knew that vaccines would be available before the games started, but they would probably not be available equitably around the world. The important message was, as WHO has always said, it requires the full package. It is not sufficient to rely on vaccination or on testing or on physical measures alone, you must do all the measures, all the time.

It was important to build a consensus to deal with the concerns of the public and concerns of scientists to ensure that everybody understood what we were trying to do, why we were trying to do it and the evidence that it would be effective. The All Partner Taskforce was a joint meeting between the organising committee in Tokyo, the IOC and the Japanese government at a very high level. It allowed all of the concerns, all of the science to be shared to ensure that everybody was reassured that the games could be held safely and that the evidence we were using was sound and robust. We had an independent expert panel from around the world that I chaired, which brought together people, not just with public health expertise, but also people from the travel industry, the hospitality industry, from people organizing large events, people organizing, for example, theme parks, etc., to bring together the expertise that was gradually building up around the world about how mass gatherings could be managed in the course of a pandemic. We needed also to do the risk communication and community engagement that is always a part of outbreak response. And, in part, this was done by developing what were called the Playbooks. The Playbooks set out for all participants at the games, what they could expect as they travelled to Tokyo, what life would be like in Tokyo, what was expected of them in terms of the way they behaved, physical distancing, etc., and what the organizers were doing to keep everybody safe.

We needed to design a screening system, a testing system. In terms of the testing program, we approached an organization called FIND – Foundation

for Innovative Diagnostics, that works with WHO and others to look at new laboratory testing emerging that would be of value to mass gatherings. They did extensive modeling for us of different scenarios of testing – testing before leaving for Tokyo, testing in Tokyo, testing every day, every two days, what sort of testing to use. They modeled about 14 different scenarios and looked for each of those, and what the likely impact would be in reducing the risk of COVID-19 spreading during the Games. Their conclusion was that the most effective strategy would be initial pre-departure testing for everybody, before they left for Tokyo, and then daily testing while they were in the Olympic village around the Games. And the final program that was put together was that everyone involved at the Games had to have two negative tests before departure for Tokyo. They were tested at the airport in Tokyo when they arrived and then went through to their hotel or the Olympic village they were tested every day for the high risk personnel.

One of our priorities was that we needed to manage the risk of spread across the interface, the meeting between the international population coming in and the domestic population in Tokyo. We used the salivary quantitative antigen test mainly because that was the test already in use by the authorities at Tokyo airport, but also because PCR with nasopharyngeal swabbing is a medical procedure in Japan that must be done by a doctor and we couldn't guarantee having sufficient doctors available. For the salivary antigen test we had 12-hour turnaround for the results, and if the result was positive, it was confirmed by a PCR on the same sample immediately, with results within 12 hours. Any positive test on the salivary PCR was confirmed by nasopharyngeal PCR with a three-hour turnaround. We had a very extensive testing program where our priorities were to minimize the risk of false positives and false negatives because either would cause disruption to the games or risk of COVID-19 spreading. The Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) and the organising committee set up and infectious disease control center which collected and managed all the results because it was important that the risk of any positive result being missed was reduced and all results were acted upon quickly.

We had just over 670,000 tests done in the course of the Olympics. If you look at the Paralympics as well, there were over one million tests done on the participants, which was roughly 33,000 tests per day between the pre-departure test, airport, training camps, etc., as well as in the village. The overall positivity rate across that was 0.02%, which is much less than we anticipated and substantially less that would have happened if we had done the same number of tests in London last July. The positive tests have undergone genome sequencing by National Institute of Infectious Diseases (NIID).

The number of tests being done has raised from

early July through the time of the Games and, it peaks at around 33,000 per day and the compliance was over 93-94% across the Games, with people being tested according to the appropriate frequency. For the most high-risk people that was every day, but for some people who had less contact with the highrisk groups or the international groups, it was two or three times a week.

We ended up having 464 positives out of the 670,000 odd tests done; 37 from the airport screening, 163 within the Olympic village screening, and some from pre-games and pre-departure testing. Ultimately, among the athletes and team officials in the village, there were just 67 positive cases, 33 in athletes and 34 in team officials, which is actually an extremely small number given there were eleven-anda-half thousand athletes in the village throughout the duration of the games. It was also interesting when we looked at the close contacts. Given that this was a closed population that was being tested every day, it was a good opportunity to look at the extent to which people who became positive did or did not pass infection on to other people. We had a total of 417 people confirmed as close contacts and only seven of those, 2%, subsequently tested positive. That figure is much lower than we generally see quoted in studies about the extent in which COVID-19 spreads amongst close contacts. Ultimately 96% of the close contacts were able to continue to train and compete and do their work as planned. We

also established what was called the results analysis expert group, a group of epidemiologists and public health doctors from within Japan and from across the world, who looked at all ambiguous or complicated results to make sure that we were not missing anything significant that might indicate that there was small cluster of outbreak developing in the village and to make sure that we were not creating false positives.

We knew vaccines would come along, but we were concerned that it would not be equitably available throughout the world, and within the IOC and the organising committee it was not acceptable for a situation where, if vaccination was made compulsory, athletes from wealthy countries could be vaccinated and could come, but athletes from poorer countries would not get vaccinated and couldn't come. So vaccine would not be compulsory for the games, but would be recommended. In addition, the IOC provided 100,000 vaccine doses to 50,000 participants in 25 countries to help ensure that athletes who wanted to be vaccinated, could be. And they also worked with the government in Tokyo to increase the supply of vaccines for the workforce locally in Tokyo. Although vaccine was not compulsory, we did have about 85% of the village vaccinated last summer.

The key message which we took away from the games in Tokyo, which we are now using to help develop the preparations for the Beijing2022 Games shortly, is that it can be done. We can run a mass gathering of this scale in a pandemic and we can do it safely - but it requires commitment, considerable planning and implementation, and a thorough risk assessment. Throughout our process we worked with WHO's mass gathering risk assessment tool. We constantly looked at what were the risks, what were the ways in which we could reduce those risks and how effective do we think those measures would be. Very importantly, we confirmed the view that we need to embrace the core message from WHO that you have to use all modalities of risk mitigation, the public health measures, the test, trace, capacity, etc. It is not sufficient to rely on any one of those. There was considerable focus from scientists elsewhere around the world on aerosol transmission and the need to use ventilation, which is true, but we can't rely on any one modality; to reduce the risk of COVID-19 you have to do all of those. It also showed the importance of risk communication and community engagement. All the participants knew what was expected. They knew what they had to do to keep themselves safe and what we would do to help them. It's also important to vaccinate, if possible, but only if it can be done equitably.

The really important message is that Tokyo Games, despite all the scientific criticism and concerns voiced before the games, did not create a superspreader event and there was very limited import of infection into Tokyo. It was limited spread in Tokyo, in the village, and no spread from Tokyo back to the rest of the world after the games. With all that planning and implementation and consideration and risk assessment, we did get the games across the line in the end. We organized an extremely good, effective, safe Tokyo Games.

Questions and Answers

Q1: What were the strengths, issues, and challenges that you noticed among the measures taken by Tokyo?

A: I think what was important overall was risk communication, which we did with the organising committee beforehand so that everybody coming to Tokyo understood what it would be like, what testing would be done, how they would be expected to behave, etc. That was very effectively done in advance, so everybody understood what it would be like to be in Tokyo and what they would have to do. Thus, risk communication is an important factor. I think part of the weakness was that as the game progressed and people realized that the Olympic village in Tokyo was probably one of the safest places in the world from COVID-19 at that time, they started to think about relaxing the measures too soon, and we had to be vigilant to make sure that everybody did what they had to do.

Q2: Do you know why some people did not receive vaccines, were there medical reasons, religious reasons, or because vaccines were not available?

A: We did not systematically collect this information, but it is very much a combination of all those factors because at that stage, the vaccine was not easily available in all countries around the world, particularly low-income countries; however, some people had their own objections to being vaccinated, either because they had medical contraindications or simply because they were unwilling to take a vaccine that had only recently been developed.

Q3: How did you try to address the concerns of people who were afraid that the virus would spread? How did you address the concerns about the spread of the virus?

A: Primarily by regular communication, both with the participants and through press conferences with the organising committee and for the people in Tokyo themselves. We tried to convey the message that we understood why they were concerned. We understood the risks that might arise during the games, but we were putting in place good, scientific measures to reduce that risk and were constantly repeating the message to reassure them that the science was right and that they would be safe, and that this was very important to us.

Q4: Were there any systems to allow athletes to appeal after initially being tested positive?

A: There was an expert group that we set up to consider situations where the results looked complicated or unusual, like someone who had tested positive, then negative, then positive, and so on. The group could consider all the test results, including PCR CT values, to determine whether it was safe for that person to compete. If a person remained positive they were not allowed to compete. For close contacts, we developed a protocol with our organizers to ensure that people with close contacts could continue to train even though they were in the close contact group; they were closely monitored and tested and kept separate from other participants, and by and large, we were able to ensure that they were eventually able to compete in the games.

Q5: Now, we are faced with Omicron. If you were to have a chance to do so, would you change your advice, having seen how the variants are developing or evolving?

A: We are now looking at how we apply the same sort of measures to Beijing2022 and we are adopting what we did in Tokyo to suit the Beijing environment. In addition to the daily testing regime, public health measures have become even more important because we know that Omicron will spread more rapidly than the Delta variant if it enters the village. So, we are making sure that the focus is on public health and social measures, social distancing, wearing masks, and the use of FFP2 masks in Beijing, as all these measures become even more important in the context of Omicron.

Q6: Any advice you have for the people in Beijing?

A: The primary advice is, again, that we can do this and we can do it safely, but it requires a lot of work and commitment. There will be a similar testing regime to what we had in Tokyo, with oropharyngeal PCR testing in Beijing, daily, for everybody involved in the high-risk areas for a similar, closed-loop management system. Once people get into the big village, they are allowed to move between the hotel, the village, and the venues, but they do not interact with the general population. We try to stop the interaction between domestic and international populations. This will be applied in Beijing, probably more strictly than we did in Tokyo, because of Omicron and all other things. The reinforcement of public health measures and testing will be similar to what we learned from Tokyo.







SCREEN TESTING RESULTS

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~ 676,000 tests done on participants

~33k tests per day

(Includes: Pre-departure tests, airport tests (43k), Pre-Games Training Camp tests, local workforce testing outside TOCOG Programme)

Overall positivity rate in testing: 0.02%

Positive tests had genomic sequencing by Japanese MHLW/NIID









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Key Misssages: • It can be done • It can be done safely • It requires commitment and considerable planning and implementation based on a thorough risk assessment. • It needs to embrace the core WHC messages. • Use all modalities of risk mitigation • Maximise test and trace capacity • Risk communication and community engagement • Vaccinate if possible and equitable	TOKYO2O2O DID NOT CREATE A SUPER- Spreader event
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Keynote: Planning for the Olympic and Paralympic Games in a Pandemic; Challenges and Lessons

Session

COVID-19 preparedness for Tokyo 2020



Director, Center for Emergency Preparedness and Response, NIID, Japan **Presenter: SAITO Tomoya, MD, MPH, PhD**

This presentation describes the overall framework for countermeasures against novel coronavirus infections in Tokyo 2020. Before the emergence of COVID-19, the four main public health risks for Tokyo 2020 were heat stroke, natural disasters, imported infectious diseases, and mass disasters, such as terrorism. Suddenly, however, COVID-19 has emerged as a primary public health concern.

In September 2020, discussions on COVID-19 countermeasures for Tokyo 2020 began at the government level. The Government of Japan, TMG, and the Tokyo Organising Committee of the Olympic and Paralympic Games (Tokyo 2020 organising committee) participated in the launch of the Coordination Meeting for COVID-19 Countermeasures at Tokyo 2020. At this point, there were many uncertainties in this regard. A general policy was summarized in December 2020 as the Interim Summary, and additional measures were announced in April 2021 to address the emergence of a highly transmissible variant.

The measures were discussed for each target category of athletes, game stakeholders, and spectators, and the measures were examined for each step of pre-departure, arrival, competition, and return ("journey"). The measures taken at the events associated with the Games and pre-Games camps were also summarized. In addition, the Playbook was prepared to provide participants with an overview of COVID-19 countermeasures and the rules to be obliged.

The COVID-19 measures in Japan are something of a culmination of the voluntary efforts of individuals. Therefore, there were concerns about not only the direct but also indirect impacts of holding Tokyo 2020 on Japan's COVID-19 situation. The direct impact was on medical and public health capacity. Indirectly, there was a concern that the euphoria of Tokyo 2020 may discourage people from taking various measures under a state of emergency. To curtail these impacts, multiple layers of measures were implemented in Tokyo 2020.

First, the number of game officials, excluding athletes, was reduced, and the number of travelers was drastically reduced to approximately one-third to one-fourth of the original plan. In addition, as of spring 2021, the acceptance of spectators from abroad has been abandoned. An agreement was reached to limit the domestic audience to 10,000, or within 50% of the capacity. Ultimately, a state of emergency was declared before the Olympics, and one city and three prefectures decided to have no spectators in June 2020. Only five venues in three prefectures accepted spectators, bringing the total number of spectators to about 43,000 for the Olympics. Only 15,700 spectators attended the Paralympics under the schools' spectator program. These numbers are much lower than the 8.65 million tickets sold before the Games. Live sites and other

opportunities to gather people were cancelled. Torch relays were mostly not held on public roads. For infection prevention and control, travelers were placed under self-isolation and health observation for 14 days. Athletes were allowed to leave only for specific areas for practices, based on a pre-approved plan. Screening tests were conducted during the first three days, and athletes were tested daily thereafter. Additionally, citizens were encouraged to watch games at home.

Consequently, there were few clusters within the tournament. In addition, AY.29 of the Delta strain was prevalent in Japan at the time, but was rarely seen overseas later. There have been no new outbreaks of strains other than AY.29 in Japan. This proves that the movement of participants did not have a significant impact on the COVID-19 epidemic picture. Although there were some infected people among the participants, few were hospitalized or were seriously ill.

Tokyo 2020 was a very important opportunity to hold a large-scale international sporting event during a pandemic. There are some challenges, but it is important to discuss what we have accomplished. Countermeasures from multiple aspects were put in place through close consultations among partners, and they worked to protect athletes from COVID-19 and prevent a major cluster. In addition, by reducing the number of entries by officials and spectators, we were able to limit the impact on the host city, such as the surge of infection and the burden on medical resources.

Questions and Answers

Q1: What were the challenges in Tokyo 2020?

A. We learned that the scenario of a pandemic should be included in a risk scenario and discussed in depth from the early planning stage of the Games. For future mass-gathering events, it is necessary to prepare for the risk scenario of a pandemic and communicate among all parties involved.

Q2. Is the playbook available to the public?

A. Both Japanese and English versions are provided. It was updated based on the questions and points raised by stakeholders. It was finally put into operation after three updates.







Coordination Meeting for COVID-19 Countermeasures

at Tokyo2020 since Sept. 2020

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Many uncertainties

- •COVID-19 situation in the World/Japan/Tokyo
- Travel restrictions/Border control
- ·Vaccine efficacy/effectiveness, availability, coverage

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Emergence of variants





Risk reduction strategy -multiple layers of measures

- ·Prevention and control measures in every journey
- Downsizing
- · Game-related visitors from overseas Related events
- spectators
- Considerations on
- indirect negative impact





Downsizing the event

Minimize the impact to local and global pandemic

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COVID-19 countermeasures for Tokyo2020 COVID-19 countermeasures for Tokyo2020 Screening For overseas visitors · Response to COVID-19 cases + Check-in/out Screening everyday Screening everyday Positive cases: isolated in hotel/hospital outside villages + 14days self-quarantine (in principle) · Check-in: 5days before competition Allowed to visit places and activities in special cases (practice, exercises, etc.) under the pre-approved plan · Check-out: within 48hrs after competition - Close contacts: guarantined in the village Screening Test First 3days for all Everyday for athletes - Infection control Special measures for close contacts Isolated all the times except for games/practices Negative test results 6hours before the games/practices BT screening, ventilation, hand sanitation Every 4-6 days for other stakeholders · Crowd information/floor sign 1,014,170 screened, 510 positives, 304 confirmed (0.03%) 14,000/day in average, 36,225/day at maximum · Interview at mix-zone only

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Infection Prevention and Control at Village











Session 4

Tokyo2020 preparedness and response efforts in the NIID



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Outbreaks of infectious diseases are often reported during religious events, such as the Hajj, or during large international sporting events. Enhanced surveillance is conducted to quickly detect outbreaks or health hazards.

There are two types of routine surveillance methods. Event-based surveillance (EBS) provides information about a health crisis event as soon as it occurs. It is not necessarily based on case definitions and information can be collected from sources other than those involved in healthcare. On the other hand, Indicator-Based Surveillance (IBS) is a survey of infectious disease outbreaks conducted routinely at a specific time based on a set of indicators or definitions; this is conducted under the Infectious Diseases Control Law in Japan. These were combined for risk assessment, response, and countermeasures.

An event in EBS is defined as a potential health crisis, a rare or undiagnosed situation, or an event or case that causes anxiety in the population. Even for health hazards that have not yet been diagnosed, information can be collected; therefore, risk assessment and response can be quickly performed.

EBS is often enhanced during international competitions and international mass gatherings. In the Rugby World Cup, approximately 400,000 spectators from at least 30 countries were expected, and the tournament was unique in that spectators stayed for a long time in various locations. The Epidemic Intelligence from Open Sources (EIOS) developed by the WHO was used as a source of information for the Rugby World Cup. It is a tool that obtains information from open sources and comprehensively examines it. In addition, information was collected and evaluated from local governments and other sources and returned to the relevant parties through daily reports.

Although the Tokyo Games were postponed for one year, the enhanced surveillance envisioned for 2019 was carried out as planned. We held daily meetings with the TMG and the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to share information. As COVID-19 required manpower, we outsourced EBS to collect information from overseas; we requested the WHO to collect overseas information through EIOS, and private sector epidemic intelligence obtained information directly. An Emergency Operations Center (EOC) was set up at the NIID to collect daily information related to infectious diseases. As a result, approximately 800 cases were detected and assessed by screening, 100 cases were alerted by daily reports, 8 cases were monitored instrumentally, and epidemiological investigation was actually carried out for a single case. All were domestic COVID-19 related cases. During the Rugby World Cup, two people spent approximately three hours per day on EBS, but during the Tokyo Games, due to outsourcing, three people spent only one hour.

In summary, an enhanced surveillance was conducted during the Tokyo Games. By utilizing

external sources, we were able to allocate sufficient human resources to COVID-19 during the Olympic Games in Japan. It is also useful to evaluate events through multiple sources of information. In addition, sharing and confirming information with related parties through the EOC, which was set up for the first time in the NIID, led to very effective countermeasures.

Q3: Did Tokyo2020 have any impact on diseases other than COVID-19?

A. A small number of cases of dengue fever and malaria were detected in the outbreak trend survey in Japan, and there was some evidence that dengue fever activity might be high during this period. It was determined that the risk was low due to the small number of travelers and preparations made in the village. As a result, there was no impact.

Questions and Answers

Q1: What were some of the difficulties in conducting enhanced surveillance?

A. In Tokyo2020, most of the enhanced surveillance was outsourced, so there were few difficulties. If we had done this on our own, it would have required a lot of manpower and time, which may have affected the COVID-19 response.

Q2. When preparing for Tokyo2020, did you conduct training or simulations and rebuild the countermeasures?

A. Initially, we had planned to train NIID staff to use the EIOS in 2019. However, in early 2020, the COVID-19 outbreak occurred and training was no longer possible; therefore, we outsourced the EBS to the WHO.









Advantage of Event-based surveillance(EBS)

- · Syndromic approach can be used
- · Information of undiagnosed health condition can be captured
- Prompt information collection, risk assessment and response

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Session

Activities and issues of Academic Consortium of medical preparedness during Tokyo Olympic/Paralympic Games in 2020 Host Local Governments



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The Academic Consortium has been working as a platform for 29 academic organizations since 2016. It has developed various recommendations and proposals, including on the impact of mass gatherings on emergency and disaster medicine. Mass gathering events have a significant impact on the healthcare delivery system in the case of emergencies. From the very beginning, the Academic Consortium emphasized the need to maintain the health care system for the local population, the "penumbra," who were not associated with the event. The first priority was to ensure a routine emergency medical system; the second was to provide medical care to event participants; and the third, to deal with MCI.

For Tokyo2020, the consortium provided advice on medical care outside the venue. Considering the demand generated by the event and medical capacity, we categorized the areas surrounding the venues to allocate medical support. Among the 33 venues in Tokyo, the bay coast areas required the most support. To prepare for medical care at the venues, the consortium and the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee collaborated. Guidelines and manuals were also developed and disseminated for different roles. A practical training plan for the medical staff working for the audience was also presented.

It is important to focus on existing plans when determining risk, ensure that vaccines and infection protection measures are in place for those involved in the event, limit the number of domestic spectators, ensure that infection protection is in place, and be prepared to respond domestically in the event that the infection spreads during or after the event. As of May 2021, the Academic Consortium had made the above recommendations, and experts had made similar recommendations to the government or the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee.

For infectious diseases, simulations of surges were repeated. During the epidemic period, manuals were prepared for last-mile care and for measures in first aid stations and in the medical room in the competition venue. From the preparatory stage, a system was created to ensure real-time coordination between the Medical Coordination Headquarters in the Main Operation Center located in the Games Organising Committee and the Medical Section in the City Operation Center, which looks after the entire TMG.

The number of injuries and illnesses at all venues during the Olympic Games was 1,099 (628 in the medical office for athletes and 471 in the medical office for spectators), and 403 during the Paralympic Games was (193 in the medical office for athletes and 210 in the medical office for spectators). Two patients with cardiac arrest recovered fully neurologically. The number of ambulances transported to the hospital during the Olympic Games was 71, with 18 hospitalizations, and the number during the Paralympic Games was 28, with 12 hospitalizations. Finally, regarding COVID-19 cases in Japan, a large wave of epidemics was observed, even though the effective reproduction number (Rt) dropped just before Tokyo2020. However, the increase in the number of cases up to that point may have been due to behavioral changes caused by Tokyo2020.

In summary, the direct impact of Tokyo2020 was not significant, but considering the indirect impact, Rt continued to rise until just before Tokyo2020. Changes in people's behavior need to be studied from various perspectives, including the social and psychological standpoints. If a mass gathering is to be held during an epidemic, it is important to take measures not only within the venue, but also to thoroughly communicate the risks to the "penumbra," the citizens. response and normal medical care. In the initial response, I felt that the sharing of plans was slower than in other natural disasters.

Q2: There were two medical headquarters, the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee and TMG, but were they set up physically close to each other? A. Although they were physically far from each other, they were able to share information using various means such as SNS. This is one of the points that must be lauded.

Questions and Answers

Q1: Was there any difficulty or ingenuity in switching the medical response preparation from the original mass gathering to the event during COVID-19?

A. As it turned out, we managed it, but we were treading on thin ice. Japan has a very strong framework for collaborating with the normal emergency medical system and the medical system in the event of a natural disaster, but there is a weakness in the administrative framework that separates the cooperation between infectious disease



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Activities and issues of Academic Consortium of medical preparedness during Tokyo Olympic/Paralympic Games in 2020

Session 6

The role of Tokyo2020 IDCC for COVID-19 preparedness and response in the Games



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The organising committee established the IDCC, which was positioned within the main operational center of the organising committee during Tokyo2020. It served as a hub for all organizations.

The IDCC had three main functions: surveillance, health monitoring, and incident response. The incident response team was divided into teams for laboratory, transport, isolation, and epidemiological investigation. Prevention, detection, and response were carried out through the daily screening, examination, transport, and isolation of each team; daily surveillance; and preparation of daily infection reports. In the case of a positive diagnosis, we responded promptly with retesting, definitive testing, transportation, and isolation. We also collaborated with the TMG to provide epidemiological information in a short period.

With regard to testing, players and team officials were tested daily. We used PCR and quantitative antigen testing to build a system that could provide accurate and prompt results. For example, in the case of athletes, the screening test took 12 h and the definitive test took 2-3 hours. Although the use of saliva specimens is rare worldwide and difficult to explain, it is an effective screening method as it does not require medical personnel to collect the sample.

We developed ICON, a software tool for information linkage between IDCCs and stakeholder representatives for incident response. In addition, a COVID-19 Liaison Officer (CLO) was appointed. This system reduces the burden on the local government by having the CLO and the staff of the organising committee conduct an epidemiological investigation of the cases. The CLO was also mentioned in the latest Beijing2022 Playbook and is a legacy of Tokyo2020.

An outpatient fever clinic and PCR laboratory for definitive diagnosis were established in the Olympic Village. A mobile testing unit was also set up for emergencies. The laboratory was equipped with a safety cabinet and several thermal cyclers. Domestically approved instruments and reagents were used for high accuracy. A negative pressure vehicle was also prepared. We also operated our own isolation hotel for athletes. Medical personnel were on hand 24 hours a day, and multilingual translation devices were available. In addition, a testing company performed PCR and sequencing of the variants, and the NIID analyzed them. The results showed that most of the infections were caused by the Delta strain.

As a result, the total number of screening tests during the games exceeded one million. In particular, during the Olympic Games, the number of tests was more than 25,000 every day, with a maximum of 36,000 tests per day. The number of positive cases was maintained at approximately 10 per day even when the number was high. The number of confirmed positive screening results was 299 (53 for athletes and 246 for others). If other confirmed diagnoses are included, the total number of positive results among all related personnel during the opening period was 869.

Overall, it was important to not only introduce a large number of tests but also implement measures after detecting positive cases, including transportation confirmation and epidemiological surveys.

positive cases and close contacts?

A. There was a language barrier, but we tried to understand and convince the patient to cooperate with isolation. Both public health and individual patients who require isolation must be considered. The most important point was to look at both sides.

Questions and Answers

Q. How often were risk assessments conducted and what factors were considered?

A. Tokyo 2020 organising committee and the IOC utilized the WHO's mass gathering risk assessment tool to find out what the deficiencies were so that we could make up for them. In January and March, we performed frequent risk assessments including tool use.

Q. The playbook has been revised several times. To what extent were the rules determined or made flexible?

A. Basically, IDCC worked based on the playbook. The participation of close contacts was not decided until the end of the playbook; therefore, we added our own measures.

Q. What was the most important thing that you had to take care of when communicating with









The role of Tokyo 2020 IDCC for COVID-19 preparedness and response in the Games







Problem and solution in implementation of screening tests スクリー Problem on screening test ニング検査の実施における課題

- In addition to many athletes entering the village earlier than expected, it was difficult to obtain a list of confirmed participants, resulting in a shortage and over-distribution of test kits.
 The initial plan was for CLOs to order and distribute the test kits, but CLOs arrived late in Japan, and CLOs had difficulty responding to local needs.

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- The solution
- Establishing a system that allows players, etc. to place orders for insufficient test kits by e-mail and extending the operating hours to distribute them at the test can as needed Respond to inventory shortages by reducing the number of kits distributed and collecting excess kits.
- Distribution and collection of test kits by owner FAs for stakeholders who cannot leave their hotels due to 3-day quarantine
- Early opening and establishment of new collection sites (UAC, dignitary hotels, practice places, etc.) and the start of distribution at collection sites in addition to distribution by CLOs



Summary

The IDCC provided safety and security for Tokyo 2020 under the COVID-19 pandemic IDCCの軍悪対応によりバンデミック下において大会が安全に開催された

- IDCC mitigated spread of COVID-19 during the Tokyo 2020 Games
- . Successfully introduced massive and rapid daily screening test for detection .
- Frequent screening tests and rapid response, including transport and isolation, were highly effective to influential in mitigating the impact of COVID-19 despite the COVID-19 pandemic





Session

Host city's public health activities: Tokyo Metropolitan Government



Infectious Disease Control Division, Bureau of Social Welfare and Public Health, Tokyo Metropolitan Government Presenter: SUGISHITA Yoshiyuki, MD, MPH, PhD

In the Tokyo Metropolitan Government (TMG) office, the General Coordination Center for Epidemic Control Information was established to consolidate information on infectious diseases, oversee the response, and prepare daily reports. The Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Public Health was responsible for epidemiological surveys and data compilation. The Tokyo Base of Health Support for Tokyo 2020 Games was established for the COVID-19 response in athletes' villages. These organizations and public health centers (PHCs) collaborated closely. The daily report was prepared by the Coordination Center for Disease Control and Intelligence with data compiled by the Tokyo Metropolitan Institute of Public Health. The EOC of NIID conducted preliminary checks, and reports were provided to relevant organizations every day.

National surveillance programs include notifiable disease surveillance, pediatric sentinel surveillance, and undiagnosed serious infectious illness surveillance (USII). The USII is designed to identify outbreaks of serious diseases of unknown origin at an early stage, and 38 hospitals in Tokyo were designated as reporting sites during Tokyo2020. Additionally, Tokyo has its own outbreak reports from non-medical facilities and emergency transport surveillance data from the Tokyo Fire Department. A total of 192 notifiable diseases were identified during the study period. Enterohaemorrhagic E. coli infection was the most common, with 122 cases. There were 408 outbreak reports from non-medical facilities, 392 of which were from nurseries. There have been no reports from USII. There were five unusual detections in the emergency transport surveillance, and two COVID-19 reports from treatment facilities.

Among the convention participants, 453 COVID-19 cases were reported, of whom 32% were travelers and 68% were domestic residents. There was an increase in the number of cases over time among those who could have been working outside a specific area under the jurisdiction of the organising committee. During the domestic COVID-19 pandemic, some cases were thought to have been exposed to non-convention-related transmission opportunities.

The staff from the National Field Epidemiology Training Program (FETP) and the Tokyo Epidemic Investigation Team (TEIT) provided support to the health facilities to ensure the safe operation of the conference and prevent the spread of COVID-19. Information was collected directly from CLOs, and epidemiological information was organized, which led to effective epidemiological investigations and the identification of close contacts.

Future challenges include the following: the lack of reporting of USII requires examination of case definition, knowledge of medical institutions, and the necessity of zero reporting. The utilization of information from daily reports and the immediate release of information to citizens were also an issue. When the Games-related COVID-19 cases visited medical institutions on their own, it was difficult to secure specimens from PHCs. Finally, cooperation within the TMG between food and environmental departments, police and fire departments, and quarantine stations should be enhanced.

In conclusion, there were no cases of infectious diseases other than COVID-19 that required treatment. In response to the COVID-19 outbreak among Games participants, we provided investigative support to PHCs. We shared this information with related organizations through web conferences. Daily reports are important for achieving a rapid response. Improvements must be made based on the issues identified in this study.

Questions and Answers

Q. With regard to the daily report, is there anything you paid attention to when making assessments or comments, especially with regard to the impact on the Games?A. We focused our comments on whether the number of cases had increased or decreased compared to before Toky2020, and whether there

were any cases of infection among the participants.





Coordination Center for Disease Control and Intelligence

Alm: Communication and coordination among stakeholders during the Games, Identifying and sharing information on Infectious disease outbreaks

Localim: Tokyo Metropolitan Government Terms: July 1, 2021 - September 12, 2021 Available 24 hours (on-call at night)

Task: Publishing Daily Repor on Infectious diseases Sharing information on cases related to the Games Responding to consultations from public health centers Tracking case management at public health centers



Daily Report Publication of a daily report Published between July 1, 2021 and September 12, 2021. July 13: Opening of the athletes' village (until September 8) July 23 - August 8: Olympic Games August 24 - September 5: Paralympic Games Data compilation: Tokyo Institute of Public Health Report writing: Coordination Center for Disease Control and Intelligence Prior confirmation: National Institute of Infectious Diseases (EOC) 2 Distribution of Daily Report Published by Coordination Center for Disease Control and Intelligence daily, at 17:00, distributed to relevant agencies such as public health centers



Daily Report: contents

- Overall comments
 Notifiable disease surveillance
 (Class 1-4, part of Class 5 [measles,Rubella,
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) invasive meningococcal disease -daily report] Sentinel surveillance
- (infectious diseases in children, etc. weekly report) Undiagnosed Serious Infectious Illness Surveillance (Report from designated medical
- institutions)
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*The Tokyo Metopolites Government's unique surveillance system which collects and enalyses information such as symptoms at the others of energenizing transactic lusing data provided by the Tokyo Fire Department's Energency Information Analysis and Management Sentem

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Undiagnosed Serious Infectious Illness Surveillance (USII Surveillance)

[Objective]

To detect unusual trends in outbreaks of serious diseases of unknown cause that <u>fail under the following (1) to (3)</u>, which are suspected to be infectious diseases. [Requirement]

- All of the following (1) through (3) are to be satisfied.
- Fever, respiratory symptoms, eruption, gastrointestinal symptoms or neurological symptoms, or other symptoms that raise suspicion of infection
- (2) A physician has determined, based on generally accepted medical knowledge, that intensive care or something similar is necessary.
- A physician has determined that a specific infectious disease cannot be immediately diagnosed based on generally accepted medical knowledge. 00
- 38 nontinui site for USII Surveillance were designated during the Games.



Result

[Notifiable Diseases]

- · EHEC 122 cases, followed by 44 Legionnaires' disease,
- 2 of 6 malaria cases were Games Stakeholders (Media and Athlete) from Sterra Leone and Ethiopia. - 3 case of rubella and 4 cases of measles -later withdrawn.
- [Sentinel Surveillance]
- · Record high RS virus infections at week28 (July 12-18) 8.92/sentinel site.
- [Cluster Report]
- RS virus 782, followed by 30 infectious gastroenteritis Most of them occurred in nursery. [Ambulance Surveillance]
- 5 signals (reported on July 6, 16, 20, Aug. 22 -2 signals) 3 were clusters of gastroenteritis, and 2 were COVID-19 clusters from isolation hotels No further spread was.

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Web meetings for information sharing

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- 1. TMG's daily report review meeting with the National Institute of Infectious Diseases (NIID). IG's daily report review meeting, with the Mational institute of Infectious Diseases (NIID), Check the controls and samments at the Daily Report. Sharing of COVID-19 cases on Games participants Assessment of COVID-19 cases with common epidemiological factors Public Health Center, Infectious Disease Control Center of the Organiting Committee, and Health and Sefery Research Center also participated.
- 2. Regular meetings with public health centers in Tokyo, weekly1 on Fridays, from 10:00 a 1115m. Sharing of COVID-19 multiple occurre
- Figsted by the National Institute of Infectious Diseases
- L Regular morning meeting from 9:30 in the Morning
- Information Sharing among Tokyo Metropolitan Government, TOCOG, National Institute of Infectious Diseases, Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, on Tuesdays, from 13:15 2 3. 2 meetings with local governments where Olympic and Paralympic venues are located

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=Reduce the time for epi investigation and identification of close contacts

Concluding remarks

- There were no cases of infectious diseases other than COVID-19 that required response.
- In response to the outbreak of COVID-19 cases among the Game stakeholders, we provided support for investigation to the Tokyo Base of Health & Hygiene Support.
- Through the web conference, we could smoothly share information on cases with related organizations.
- Daily sharing of cases is important for rapid response to infectious diseases. More improvements are needed to overcome challenges raised in the Games.

Session 8

Host city's public health activities: Hokkaido Prefecture



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In Tokyo2020, soccer, marathon, and walking races took place in the Hokkaido prefecture. Soccer games were held at the venue previously used for the World Cup. The venues for marathons and walking races were changed from Tokyo to Hokkaido in October 2019. Although Hokkaido is cooler than Tokyo, the start time was changed the day before from 7:00 to 6:00 owing to heat. In addition, some athletes came into close contact with marathons and walking races, but as a result, they were able to participate in the competition.

In Hokkaido, especially in Sapporo, the number of cases of the alpha strain increased, and the fourth wave occurred in late April and lasted to the end of May. In July, when the soccer and walking races were held, the number of cases increased again due to the Delta strain, and the fifth wave was experienced. However, compared with the fourth wave, the number of new cases was low, and the medical capacity managed to endure this wave.

Since Hokkaido is geographically far from Tokyo and the contents of the games are limited, information was sometimes insufficient, so we made efforts to collect information and deepen collaboration with partners, including the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee and Sapporo City. However, as we were occupied with the spread of the fourth wave of infection, full-scale preparations did not begin until June. After recognizing the current situation at the meeting, we confirmed with the MHLW the basic policy and our roles. At the end of June, we decided to flow for the positive case and asked the Tokyo 2020 Organising Committee to provide support, such as interpretation and meals.

During Tokyo2020, we shared information via e-mail and daily surveillance reports, monitored the schedule of close contacts, reviewed the flow of responses to positive cases, and monitored the status of test results. As a result, no athletes tested positive in Hokkaido, and close contacts were able to participate in the competition.

For the use of public roads, the mayor of Sapporo and the governor of Hokkaido made an appeal on TV for citizens to not come to see the games. Consequently, the use of stations near the course did not increase. However, the actual impact should be further analyzed.

As for the challenges, it was difficult to divide the roles of related organizations. Without the results of the qualifying rounds, it was not clear whether the camp would have been held. The change in marathon time had various impacts, including on security. Coping with the regional epidemic and the event simultaneously was a challenge. Outsourcing was difficult for the local governments. Increased human flow from other regions led to the case rise and made preparation even more difficult. There was a lack of information related to distance. Medical resources were small compared with those in Tokyo. The time was limited to preparing for using public roads, and it was difficult to minimize the number of spectators. There were many hardships, such as last-minute changes, but we were able to finish the game safely thanks to the cooperation and collaboration of all concerned.

Questions and Answers

Q. Was there another department involved in the overall medical services?

A. There was. For example, they worked for procuring doctors from all over Hokkaido for the first aid stations. Since a doctor on the team was working next to me, we shared information, but we were not able to coordinate systematically. It would have been better if we had more preparation time.

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Planning Adjustments in June 2021

Date	Planning adjustments
6/9	Sharing the status regarding the Olympic preparedness within the Hokkaido Prefectural Government Sharing of materials, ensuing basis rules and preparedness in camp sites
6/17	 Sharing MHLW's policy for infection control at the Games Demarcation of roles among TOCOS, host towns/campuses, and local governments with public health centers.
6/24	Web conference with TOCOG, Hokkaido Prefectural Govt. and Sapporo City Ensuring testing of Games personnel, medical treatment policy for COVID-19 cases and clos contacts.
6/25	Web conference between TOCOG and relevant local governments (public health centers) Sharing a plan from TOCOG to relevant local governments & public health centers
6/29	 Fixing a response policy for a case management. COVID-18 cases will be trasted as usual, while the TOCOS provides support such as interpretation and meats.







Session

Discussion

Moderator: Dr. SAITO Tomoya, Dr. TOMIO Jun



Dr. Saito: What have we been able to strengthen after Tokyo2020?

Dr. McCloskey: One of the challenges for all Olympic and Paralympic Games is the sheer complexity of the number of people involved, as well as the number of stakeholders. In Tokyo2020, the communication remained good between them, the IDCC worked very well, and the management of the testing and public health systems was exceptionally good.

Dr. Shimada: Unlike the Rugby World Cup, the organizers as well as the local government of the host city had very good communication. For example, even though the cases of people involved in the tournament were spread over a wide area, there was very good coordination among the parties involved, such as the TMG, NIID EOC, and local governments. Dr. Morimura: It was a big step forward that experts formed a consortium and provided expert advice as a team, not just in their individual areas. Command and control structures and communication between different organizations are usually major challenges during events and disasters, but based on expert advice, we were able to overcome them.

The consortium will also continue to meet the needs of future major events such as the 2025 World Expo in Osaka.

Dr. Shimada: One of our strengths was that we were able to change; as COVID-19 occurred, we used more digital devices, and remote meetings became more widespread, making communication easier. We were able to respond and adapt quickly as problems arose. It was also good that the IDCC leaders, who were seconded by the TMG and MHLW, were familiar with health administration and were able to make decisions quickly.

Dr. Sugishita: We conducted risk assessments in advance and issued daily reports. It was also the first time that we set up a health and hygiene center within the athletes' village, together with the IDCC, and a general coordination center for guarantine information in the main office. It was one of the major achievements of Tokyo2020 that we were able to conduct the investigation support as planned. Dr. Ishii: Communication has improved. In the past, information went from the central government to the prefectures, then to the municipalities, and finally to the regional PHCs. This time, using web conferences, the national government, TMG, other host municipalities, and ministries were able to meet and talk quickly. We were able to communicate, take in a variety of opinions, understand the issues, and seek solutions together.

Dr. Saito: In Tokyo2020, we had to introduce a variety of new ways of dealing with the situation, as many organizations were involved. NIID's EOC was operational for the first time at Tokyo2020, and we struggled but learned a lot. The EOC is now working well to respond to the Omicron variant. Many new things came out of Tokyo2020 and everyone involved gained a lot from this experience. The lessons learned should be documented and applied to the next generation of organizers.

Dr. McCloskey: These are very consistent with what we learned in London in 2012 at our Olympic Games–it brings people together and creates new ways of working, which last beyond the game. Dr. Wada: Tokyo2020 has taught us many lessons; we started thinking about Tokyo2020 about seven years ago, but suddenly COVID-19 hit us and we had to discuss many things. Unfortunately, we had to hold the event without spectators this time, but I am glad that we were able to hold Tokyo2020 successfully. I hope that this will lead to future success.

Dr. Morimura: Cooperation between emergency medicine and public health should be reviewed again for the future. It cannot be said that the fifth wave of COVID-19 that came during the Olympics had nothing to do with Tokyo2020. The social and psychological aspects and behavior of the people during Tokyo2020 need to be analyzed. There may have been issues with risk communication among people outside the Games. If MCI had occurred in Tokyo2020, the current healthcare capacity would not have been able to handle it. We were fortunate to hold the Games successfully, but we need to review this and pass it on to the next organizers. Dr. McCloskey: I have been involved in the management of the Games since Beijing2008, where there was very little engagement with the public health service at all. The main focus was on

emergency medicine. This started to change in London and Rio because of the Zika virus, and then in Tokyo because of COVID-19. We are gradually recognizing that the two systems must come together and talk more, but we still have some way to go for that.

Dr. Saito: We must review both successes and failures and pass them on to future generations. This was the mission of our research team.

Summary of Activity

Number of Participants: 142





Other countries:

Discussion

Afghanistan, Bahrain, Cambodia, Canada, China, Egypt, Estonia, France, Germany, Hong Kong Special Administrative Region, India, Iraq, Italy, Korea, Republic of, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Singapore, Spain, Sweden, and the United States of America

Comments from the survey (24 respondents)

- It was a precious opportunity to listen to Dr. McCloskey's talk and learn about the behind-thescenes preparations and countermeasures in many fields. I could reflect on important points, such as risk communication with people not involved in the conference.
- The content was interesting and would be helpful for COVID-19 countermeasures in companies.
- Prof. Morimura's comments in the final discussion are very important.
- It is important to keep a record of what we did well and what we did not do well. In addition, based on the lessons learned, I would like to see a proposal on what should be done for the next opportunity.