# Our Response to COVID-19: Contributing to the Society with Rapid Assistance in Response to Changing Circumstances

The spread of COVID-19 is having a serious impact on our lives and the economy. The SoftBank Group, which aims to become the corporate group most needed by people around the world, is working to promote initiatives that leverage the strengths of each Group company and to provide various types of support in response to changing circumstances.

#### Major Initiatives of the SoftBank Group in Japan\*1 **Expansion** of Conflicting information was Temporary closure of Exploring preventive measures reported on an unknown virus schools and classes against spread of infection inspection system SoftBank Group Corp. AGOOP Corp. Yahoo Japan Corporation "Summary on COVID-19" page opened on Distribution of Personal protective equipment (PPE) on Free provision of floatingnon-profit basis Yahoo! News population analytical reports Started free provision of "Analysis of changes in The page is regularly updated Provided personal protective equipment (PPE) to the national government, the flow of people amid the spread of COVID-19," with the latest information local governments, medical institutions, and private companies for no profit. which captures the flow of people in major officially released by the Prime Supplies provided (cumulative through to March 31, 2021; approximate numbers) Minister's Office of Japan and stations, downtown areas, and tourist spots • Masks: 350 million units • Face shields: 410,000 units the Ministry of Health, Labour throughout Japan (updated daily). Also signed an • Gowns: 10 million units • Protective clothing: 1 million units and Welfare, as well as highly agreement with the Ministry of Health, Labor and • Nitrile rubber gloves: 2 million units • Goggles: 85,000 units Welfare to provide information that contributes reliable information from various media reports. to response measures for cluster outbreak. Yahoo Japan Corporation Support for students and children during school Offering online education platform and Yahoo! MAP workshops for free to academic institutions closure Resumption of the "Crowd Radar" function\*2 • To support online learning, 50GB of additional data was "Cloud Campus." an Resumed the "Crowd Radar" function provided free of charge for customers aged 25 or younger. integrated online • The "Smart Coach" online lesson service was provided free of education platform, was showing crowded areas, which displays a color gradient heat map of congestion charge to schools and tutoring schools. provided free of charge

• The "Emergency Fundraising Project Supporting Children and

to create a place for children and to distribute food.

Families During Temporary School Closures" was implemented

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\*2 Resumed the service that was discontinued at the end of January 2020 in response to the spread of COVID-19.

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<sup>\*1</sup> The month indicates the timing when each initiative was launched.

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#### Free provision of antibody testing kits and publication of results

We have provided approximately 330,000\*3 antibody testing kits free of charge to medical institutions so that the state of the infection in Japan could be guickly assessed. Based on the test results, antibody possession rates and strategies to prevent the spread of infection were presented.



SB Coronavirus Inspection Center Corp.\*4

#### Hokkaido PCR Inspection Center opened

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Fukuoka PCR Inspection Center opened

**January** 

**February** 

Promotion of vaccination and response to mutant strains

SoftBank Robotics Corp.

#### Support for quarantine hotels with robots

Provided the humanoid robot "Pepper" and the AI cleaning robot "Whiz" to quarantine hotels in Tokyo for people with minor symptoms and asymptomatic patients. They are used for providing information to guests, talking to them, and cleaning the facilities.



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#### Established a subsidiary to offer PCR testing

With the aim of preventing the spread of COVID-19 infection and achieving an early normalization of economic activity through the provision of high frequency testing, SoftBank Group Corp. established Coronavirus Inspection Center Corp. \*4 as a subsidiary to offer PCR testing. It provides high-quality and safe saliva PCR testing for local governments and private companies at a low price, charging only for the actual cost. By the end of July 2021, it had conducted approximately 2 million tests in total.



\*4 Currently SB Coronavirus Inspection Center Corp.

HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGIES Corp.

# Started offering PCR tests for individuals

Began offering PCR testing to individuals using "HELPO," a healthcare app provided by a HEALTHCARE TECHNOLOGIES Corp.

Yahoo Japan Corporation

## "Vaccine Topics" launched in the Yahoo! JAPAN app

Special site "Vaccine Topics," which delivers content specific to vaccines, was launched in the Yahoo! JAPAN app.



SB Coronavirus Inspection Center Corp.

# Genome analysis business launched

SB Coronavirus Inspection Center Corp. has launched a genome analysis business to identify mutations in the Coronavirus with the aim of contributing to the strengthening of mutant strain monitoring systems, understanding of infection routes, and development of vaccines.

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## Establishing vaccination sites

Starting with WeWork Nogizaka, vaccination sites have been established across the country, including the Takeshiba Headquarters and FUKUOKA PayPay Dome. COVID-19 vaccinations have been conducted for healthcare workers, Group employees and their families, and business partners through SB Coronavirus Inspection Center Corp.



See "Our Response to COVID-19" section of our corporate website for further details.

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