

Immediately after the Great East Japan Earthquake and Tsunami occurred, the Japanese Red Cross Society (JRCS) mobilized its relief teams (RTs) including DMAT (*) from Japanese Red Cross (JRC) hospitals throughout Japan and started its relief activities in affected areas in Fukushima Prefecture. However, after the hydrogen explosion at the reactor #1 of the Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant on March 12, RTs had to move toward inland or to Miyagi Prefecture because the safety of relief team members became unsure. On March 13, RTs had to travel to Nihonmatsu for taking body contamination screening, then return to Fukushima Chapter.

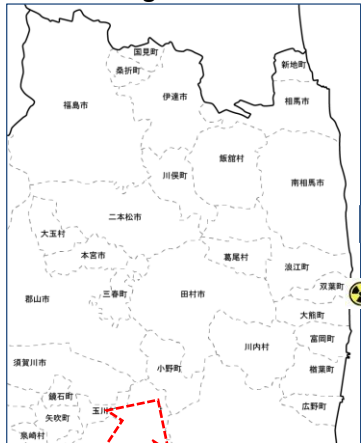
They had discussion with the headquarter of disaster control (HDC) of Fukushima Chapter on the same day. As a result, the decision was made that each RT should seek their chapter or hospital for orders. This resulted in all RTs temporarily withdrawing from Fukushima.

(*) DMAT: Disaster Medical Assistance Team

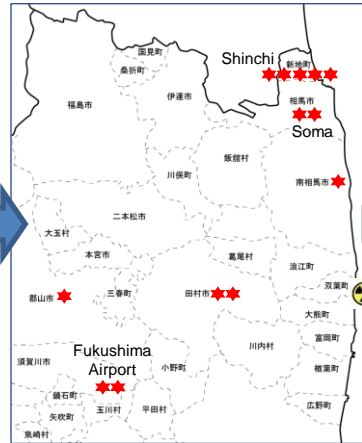


RTs and HDC of Fukushima Chapter discussing on activities under radiation environment (March 13, at Fukushima Chapter)

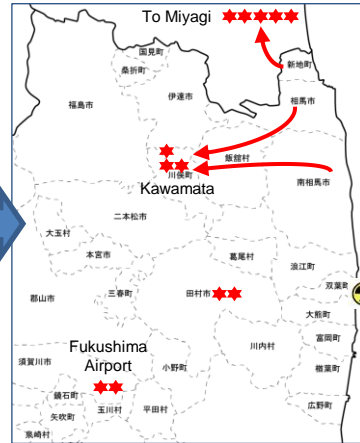
March 11, 2011
Heading to Fukushima



March 12, 2011
daytime



March 12, 2011
night



March 13, 2011
evening



March 14, 2011
daytime



DMATs/RTs started relief activities in Shinchi, Soma, etc.



RTs in Soma and Minamisoma moved to Kawamata. RTs in Shinchi moved to Shiroishi, Miyagi.



RTs traveled to Nihonmatsu for screening, then returned to Fukushima Chapter.



All RTs from outside of Fukushima temporarily left Fukushima. Only RT of JRC Fukushima Hospital continued relief activities.

- ★ JRCS RT/DMAT
- ☢ Fukushima Daiichi Nuclear Power Plant

8 DMATs from JRC hospitals across the nation were heading to Fukushima.

