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Tokyo 2020 Olympic venues will have no spectators

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Vocabulary

Headline	This is the title to the story. It is written in large letters at the top of the page to introduce you to the article.
Article	This is the story in the newspaper or a piece of writing.
Venue	This is the place where the sports events take place.
Spectators	These are the people that watch a sports event. For sports, you don't say audience. An audience watches music events for example. For sports, you say spectators.

Main article vocabulary

Due to	Because of / owing to
To stem the flow	If you stem the flow of something, you start to control it, reduce it or stop it.
Cases are surging	When someone catches the virus, that is one case. So, when cases are surging, there are many people catching the virus. The number of people catching it is increasing very quickly.
A ban on something	A ban means that you can't do something. You are not allowed to do it.
50% capacity	This means the amount of people that are in the venue. Each venue can only have 50% capacity so they can only be half full.
Electric atmosphere	This means that the atmosphere is very exciting. The feeling of excitement is everywhere.

Main Article

Tokyo venues for the 2020 Olympics will not have spectators **due to** the city's surge of Coronavirus cases. Organizers say they have no choice as they wish **to stem the flow** of the virus spreading throughout the city. In addition, there is also **a ban on** serving alcohol in restaurants during this time.

However, with events held in Miyagi, Fukushima and Shizuoka, it has been decided that venues can have **50% capacity** with no more than 10,000 spectators.

Athletes are said to be saddened by this as one part of performing is being able to perform in front of **spectators** and experiencing the **electric atmosphere** that they can create.