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This is a collection of articles on vulnerable populations in Japan in the wake of the new coronavirus pandemic. Our goal is to capture the voices and situation of those who have been most directly affected by the virus and to document the conditions that made them vulnerable in the first place.

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