



## COVID-19 update

# Individuals aged 65 and older are now eligible for the COVID-19 vaccine



COVID-19 vaccinations are available to persons in the following categories,  
in the following order: ① health care workers, ② persons aged 65 and over, and ③ individuals with underlying health conditions.  
Individuals aged 65 and over will receive a vaccination voucher from their municipal office shortly.  
Read the instructions enclosed with the voucher and apply to receive the vaccination.

### Eligibility

- Individuals born on or before April 1, 1957, are eligible.

### Administration of the vaccine

- The municipal office where you are registered as a resident will send you a vaccination voucher.
- The vaccination will be provided free of charge.
- The vaccination will be administered in two doses, with a period of three weeks between each dose.
- Details for reserving an appointment for the second shot should be confirmed through information from either the medical facility where you received the first shot or your municipality.

### Consent to receive the vaccine

- The vaccine is not compulsory. Each individual will choose whether or not to get vaccinated based on a clear understanding of both the effectiveness and potential side effects.

### FAQ

#### "I have a chronic condition. Can I still get the vaccine?"

- Because people with underlying conditions are at greater risk of developing a severe case of COVID-19 should they contract the virus, the advantages of getting vaccinated are significant.
- However, immunocompromised or seriously ill people are advised to carefully consider whether or not they should get the vaccine. They should consult with a doctor prior to getting it.

#### What about side effects?

- After getting the vaccine, some people experience swelling or pain at the injection site, fever, headache, or other side effects. Most of these resolve in a few days.
- Each vaccine recipient is observed for 15 to 30 minutes after the injection is given, and should anaphylaxis occur, treatment will be provided by medical professionals.

## The vaccination process

### 1. Your municipality will send you a vaccination voucher.



Vaccination voucher (sample image)

- Vaccination sites and dates differ depending on the municipality.
- Read the instructions that accompany the vaccination voucher.

### 2. You will choose a vaccination site and reserve a time slot.



- Once you confirm the vaccination sites and available dates, follow the instructions to make a reservation.

### 3. You will receive the vaccination.



- Please wear clothing that makes it easy to uncover your shoulder.
- To receive the vaccine, you must present both your vaccination voucher and a valid ID, such as a driver's license, health insurance card or My Number (Individual Number) card, etc.
- After the vaccine is administered, the recipient is required to stay at the vaccination site for 15 to 30 minutes for observation.



### What you need to know about COVID-19 vaccines

- The COVID-19 vaccines have been shown to protect against the onset of COVID-19 symptoms.
- COVID-19 vaccines will be an important instrument in reducing the burdens shouldered by medical institutions, once rolled out.
- All vaccines have the risk of side effects occurring.
- We will continually assess the safety of COVID-19 vaccines even after approval.

Make your decision after becoming well informed about the vaccines.



### Be aware of vaccine fraud

A consumer hotline accepts consultations on potential fraud related to the COVID-19 vaccine. You will NEVER receive a phone call pertaining to the COVID-19 vaccine that asks you to provide bank account information or withdraw funds from an ATM.

Example of a consultation case

You get a phone call claiming, "You can get higher priority for the COVID-19 vaccination, but first you are required to remit ¥100,000. You will receive a full refund at a later date."

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Consumer Fraud Hotline

**Tel.: 0120-797-188**

Hours: 10:00-16:00 (daily)

■ For general inquiries, contact the call center at the local municipality that issued your vaccination voucher

If you are unsure of where to inquire, call the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare COVID-19 Call Center.  
Tel.: 0120-761-770 Hours: 9:00-21:00 (daily)

See the government website for further details.

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