

# COVID-19 VACCINE

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## For those who wish to receive the COVID-19 vaccination

Publicly funded (=free) initial and booster shots of the COVID-19 vaccine

**will end on March 31st 2024.**

**If you wish to receive a free vaccination, please do so before the end of this period.**

From April 1, 2024:

- Local governments will administer routine vaccinations in fall and winter for those aged 65 or older, and those 60~64 years of age who are considered eligible (★).
- If you are not eligible for routine vaccinations but would like to be vaccinated, you can receive voluntary vaccinations at your own expense, regardless of the time of year.

★Those who are 60~64 years of age and have impaired heart, kidney, or respiratory function that severely limits their personal lives, or have impaired immune function due to the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that makes daily living almost impossible.

### Who can receive the vaccination?



- All persons 6 months and older** who wish to receive the vaccination are eligible.
- Booster vaccines are limited to one per person.
- For those receiving a booster, please confirm that at least 3 months have passed since your previous vaccination.

### What types of vaccination can I receive?



\*Takeda (Novavax) vaccine is no longer available as of December 25, 2023.

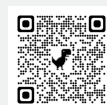
	Initial Vaccine		Booster Vaccine		
	Moderna [XBB.1.5]	Pfizer [XBB.1.5]	Moderna [XBB.1.5]	Pfizer [XBB.1.5]	Daichi Sankyo [XBB.1.5]
6 months ~ 4 years old	○ (Up to 5 years old)	○	—	○	—
5~11 years old	○ (6 years or older)	○	○ (6 years or older)	○	—
12 years or older	○	○	○	○	○

### Where can I receive the vaccination?

You can receive vaccinations at medical institutions and vaccination sites in the municipality in which you reside. Please check the website or public notices of the municipality in which you reside for more information. Some municipalities also have information available on the

「Corona Vaccine Navi」 homepage (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.)

※Available in Japanese, Simple Japanese, English and Chinese (Simplified • Traditional)



<https://v-sys.mhlw.go.jp/>

### How much is it?

Vaccinations are provided using public funds, so there is no up-front cost.  
(In other words, the vaccination is free.)



## For those who have moved since their last vaccination



For those who have registered their new address in the “Vaccination Record System (VRS)”, a vaccination voucher will be sent by the local municipality once 3 months have passed since the previous vaccination.

If the 2023 Fall vaccination voucher does not arrive from your local municipality within the announced vaccination period\*, please apply for a vaccination voucher.

(\*The vaccination period may vary by municipality)

Some municipalities that accept applications for vaccination vouchers can be found on the MHLW’s “Covid-19 Vaccine Navi”.



\*Available in Japanese, Simple Japanese, and English.

\*In the case of non-acceptance, please inquire with your local municipality.

<https://v-sys.mhlw.go.jp/application/3rd-inoculation.html>

## For those who were previously vaccinated overseas



The vaccination voucher will not automatically be sent by your local municipality, so please submit an application for a vaccination voucher if required.

In principle, the necessary documentation is as follows:

- Application form (from one’s municipality of residence)
- Form of ID (driver’s license, health insurance card, etc)
- Record of overseas vaccination

The necessary documentation may differ for each municipality, so please confirm before applying.

## Multilingual Covid-19 Vaccine Information



Multilingual information regarding the Covid-19 vaccine is available on the MHLW website.

### Contents:

- Pre-exam ticket
- Guidelines for each vaccine
- Examples of vaccination notifications
- To parents of children ages 12~15
- To parents of children ages 5~11
- How to deal with side effects of the Covid-19 vaccine

### Languages:

Available in a total of 18 languages including: Simple Japanese, English, Vietnamese, Chinese (Simplified • Traditional), Korean, Tagalog, Thai, Indonesian, Burmese, and Russian



[https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/vaccine\\_tagengo.html](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/vaccine_tagengo.html)

## Consultation & Inquiries



### MHLW’s Covid-19 Call Center

For calls within Japan **0120-761-770** (Free of charge)

For calls from overseas **+81 50-3734-0348** (Call charges apply)

Hours : See below (also available on weekends)

Japanese • English • Chinese • Korean Portuguese • Spanish	9:00 - 21:00	Thai	9:00 - 18:00	Vietnamese	10:00 - 19:00
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