

Information About the Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19) Vaccine:

1. About the Vaccine for Novel Coronavirus (COVID-19):

In order to stop the spread of COVID-19, vaccination has started in Japan from mid-February.

① Number of Injections Required:

You need to be injected twice for the vaccine to work. If receiving the Pfizer vaccine, you should have a second injection 3 weeks after the first injection.

② Who Should be Vaccinated?

Everyone over 16 years of age.

③ Order of Vaccinations:

People will be vaccinated in the following order:

When it is your turn, you will be notified by your local City, Town or Village Hall.

- (1) People who work at hospitals or medical institutions
- (2) The elderly (people over 65 - anyone born before April 1st, 1957)
- (3) People with pre-existing medical conditions, and people who work at care facilities (places where they look after elderly people)
- (4) Anyone else not covered by (1) to (3) above.

④ Where to Get Vaccinated:

- Please get vaccinated in whatever City, Town or Village is written on your Certificate of Residence (*Jūminhyō*).
- Vaccinations will be available at a medical institution or other allocated venue.
- There will be a website to search for places to get vaccinated.
- Please also make sure to check any information you receive from your local City, Town or Village Hall.

※The following people will be able to get vaccinated in a different area to where they live:

- People who are currently hospitalized, institutionalized or in prison and can receive a vaccination at the hospital or institution in which they are staying.
- People with pre-existing medical conditions who can receive a vaccination at the hospital at which they are being treated.
- People who live somewhere other than the place listed on their Certificate of Residence (*Jūminhyō*).

2. How to Get Vaccinated:

- (1) First, a vaccine voucher (in Japanese, a 接種券 - *Sesshu ken*) and a notice about the vaccine (新型コロナウイルスワクチン接種のお知らせ - *Shingata koronauirusu sesshu no o-shirase*) will arrive in the mail from your local City, Town or Village Hall.
- (2) Confirm the time period in which you can receive the vaccine.
- (3) Search for a medical institution or other venue to receive a vaccination.
- (4) Make a reservation by phone or online.
- (5) When you go to get vaccinated, make sure to bring your voucher, and some proof of identity (such as a Residence Card [在留カード - *zairyū kādo*], Driver's License [運転免許証 - *uten menkyoshō*] or National Health Insurance Card [健康保険証 - *kenkō hokenshō*]).

3. Frequently Asked Questions About the COVID-19 Vaccine:

(1): Do I have to get vaccinated?

- First, make sure to check up and understand about the effectiveness, safety, and side-effects (the possibility of getting sick after receiving a vaccine), then make your own decision about whether or not to get vaccinated. Please don't try and influence your friends or work colleagues one way or the other.

(2): Does it cost anything to get vaccinated?

- No, it is free.

(3): Where can I get vaccinated?

- You should be able to get vaccinated at a hospital or other venue designated by your local City, Town or Village Hall. Your local Government (your local City, Town or Village Hall) will send you more detailed information, so make sure to read it carefully.

(4): Can children get vaccinated?

- Anyone over 16 years of age can get vaccinated. You can get vaccinated from the day before your 16th birthday.

(5): After being vaccinated, do I no longer have to wear a mask?

- Please continue to wear a mask and keep your hands clean after being vaccinated: While the vaccine is shown to prevent people catching COVID-19 and becoming ill, there is not currently enough information to know whether it can prevent people from spreading the virus.

(6): Is the vaccine safe?

- The Government of Japan is monitoring the condition of people who have received the vaccine early. The Miyazaki Prefectural Government is also gathering information on the safety of the vaccine and will pass it on to everyone.

※Please also see the report from the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare on the effectiveness and safety of the vaccine:

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/vaccine_yuukousei_anzensei.html

(7): Can I get vaccinated somewhere other than the area I live in?

- In special cases, you may be able to get vaccinated in an area other than that listed on your Certificate of Residence (*Jūminhyō*). However, there will be some necessary steps to take beforehand. Please get in touch with your local City, Town or Village Hall to confirm.

For further information, please see the website of the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare:

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/vaccine_00184.html

4. Call Centers for Advice about the Vaccine:

◎COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center (Operated by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare)

○Phone : 0120-761770 (Call is free of charge)

○Available : 09:00 - 21:00 (Also available on weekends and national holidays)

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○Phone : 0120-565653 (Call is free of charge)

○Available at the hours listed below (Also available on weekends and national holidays) :

○Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, Spanish: 09:00-21:00

○Thai : 09:00-18:00

○Vietnamese : 10:00-19:00

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○Available to answer questions about the safety, effectiveness and possible side effects of the vaccine.

※Note : Any questions about vaccine vouchers and the process of getting vaccinated should be directed to your local City, Town or Village Hall.

○Phone : 0985-26-4609

○FAX : 0985-26-1000

○E-mail : fukuhannocall-miyazaki@pref.miyazaki.lg.jp

○Available : 09:00-18:00 (Also available on weekends and national holidays)

※Consultation via fax or E-mail is available 24 hours, but replies to out-of-hours enquiries may be sent the next day.