

Need-to-know Information

COVID-19 Omicron-Targeting Vaccine Shots

Why is the vaccination necessary?

In the past couple of years, the number of people who caught COVID-19 increased from the end of December to January.

Every winter, many people catch COVID-19 from the end of December to January.

COVID-19 vaccines are effective against severe symptoms, a fever, coughing, etc.

Currently, the new COVID-19 vaccination targeting omicron variant has begun.

It is recommended for each person to receive a single dose.

*The Omicron variant is a kind of COVID-19 viruses. So many people have already caught it.

We should stay cautious because it is highly infectious.

Who is eligible?

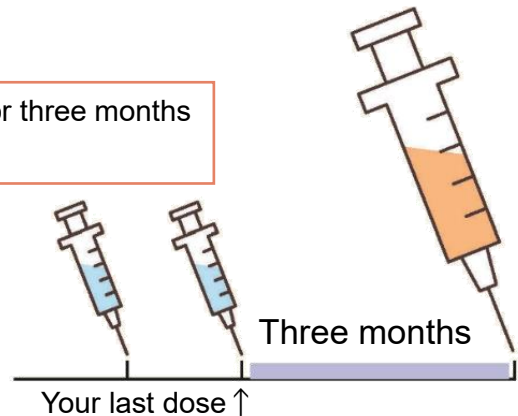
You must be 12 years or older and wait for three months from your last dose.

How much?

Free of charge ¥ 0

Where?

Vaccination sites or medical facilities in your city/town/village



What is the benefit of getting the new COVID-19 vaccine ?

The new vaccine is more effective than the ones you received before.

The new COVID-19 vaccine targeting the Omicron variant contains omicron strains. That is why it is considered highly effective against severe symptoms and/or catching COVID-19.

Is it safe to receive vaccines from different manufacturers?

It is safe to receive vaccines manufactured by different makers.

Your Omicron vaccine can come from the manufacturer different from those of your previous doses.

It is important for every person to receive a single injection of the vaccine targeting the Omicron variant, either BA.1 or BA.4-5, at the earliest possible opportunity.



Is the new vaccine safe?

Side effects are almost the same as the ones you had after your 2nd, 3rd, or 4th doses.

You will probably have similar side effects as the ones you had before, whether the new vaccine this time is by Pfizer or Moderna.

- ◆ Receiving the new vaccine targeting the Omicron variant is recommended even for those who had been infected with COVID-19 before.
- ◆ You are requested to keep taking anti-infection measures even after getting vaccinated.
- ◆ Do not force others to get vaccinated.
- ◆ Do not discriminate against unvaccinated people.

If you have any questions, feel free to ask by contacting the numbers below.
(*Please note that these numbers are not toll-free.)

About vaccination coupons, making an appointment at a vaccination facility/medical institution, etc.	Your local city/town/village hall
Questions about vaccines and symptoms you develop after your vaccine shots, etc.	Gunma COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline (24/7) ☎ 0 5 7 0 - 7 8 3 - 9 1 0 (Operators speak 19 languages.)
Other questions	One-Stop Consultation Center for Foreign Residents of Gunma ☎ 0 2 7 - 2 8 9 - 8 2 7 5 (Monday through Friday 9:00-17:00 5 languages)
Details of the vaccines	<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between; align-items: center;"> <div style="text-align: left;"> <p>Kosei-Rodo-Sho (Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare)</p> </div> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div> <div style="text-align: right;"> <p>Gunma Prefectural Government</p>  </div> </div>

An Important Reminder

You cannot receive the Omicron-targeting vaccine shot without completing your 1st and 2nd doses, both of which are scheduled to finish soon. Don't miss them.