

Information Regarding COVID-19 Vaccination

◎Regarding Implementation

The COVID-19 vaccination is scheduled to start at each municipality in sequential order. Vaccination period, vaccination site, and reservation method for vaccination will be different depending on the municipality. If you have any questions, please contact your local municipality office.

List of contact information for each municipality:

<https://www.pref.miyagi.jp/soshiki/situkan/corona-vaccine.html#contact>

◎Vaccination Period

vaccination is scheduled to take place from February 17, 2021 to the end of February, 2022. Vaccination will be administered sequentially to healthcare workers, the elderly, and those with underlying medical conditions.

◎Vaccination Target

Pfizer: People of or over the age of 12

Takeda/Moderna: People of or over age of 18

◎Vaccination Priority

As the supply of the vaccine is expected to gradually increase, vaccination will be administered in predetermined order of priority.

- Healthcare workers
- Elderly (people who will reach 65 years of age during FY 2021, people born on or before April 1, 1957)
- People other than the elderly with underlying medical conditions or workers of elderly-care facilities etc.
- Others

※Those considering a pregnancy, currently pregnant, breast-feeding, and those that have been infected by COVID-19 before are also able to receive vaccination.

<Criteria for a person with an underlying medical condition>

1. People with the following illnesses or conditions who receive outpatient or inpatient care.

- ①Chronic respiratory disease
- ②Chronic heart disease (including hypertension)
- ③Chronic kidney disease
- ④Chronic liver disease (liver cirrhosis, etc.)
- ⑤Diabetes being treated with insulin or medication, or diabetes associated with other diseases.
- ⑥Blood diseases (excluding iron deficiency anemia)
- ⑦Diseases that impair the functioning of the immune system (including malignant tumors under treatment)
- ⑧Receiving treatments that depress the immune system, such as steroids
- ⑨Neurological and neuromuscular diseases associated with immune abnormalities
- ⑩Decreased body functions due to neurological or neuromuscular diseases (including breathing disorders)

- ⑪Chromosomal abnormality
- ⑫Severe mental and physical disabilities (having both severe physical disabilities and severe intellectual disabilities)
- ⑬Sleep apnea syndrome
- ⑭Severe mental illness (hospitalized for treatment of mental illness, holding a mental disability certificate or falling under the category of “severe and continuous” in self-supporting medical care (psychiatric hospital care)) or intellectual disabilities (holding a rehabilitation certificate)

2. Obese individuals that meet the criteria (BMI of 30 or higher)

◎Vaccination Locations

In principle, you will be able to receive vaccination in medical institutions or vaccination sites at the city, town or village where your resident card is registered (place of residence).

◎Vaccination Cost

Vaccination is fully funded by the government and free of charge.

◎Number of Vaccination Shots

The vaccines which the government plans on procuring require two shots. Those taking vaccine produced by Pfizer receive a second shot 3 weeks after receiving the initial shot. For the Takeda/Moderna Vaccine, the second shot is given 4 weeks after the initial shot.

◎Consent for Vaccination

We recommend everyone to take the COVID-19 vaccine, but vaccination is not mandatory. We will provide relevant information to the best of our ability and provide vaccine only to those who give their consent.

◎Regarding Side-effects After Vaccination

Common side-effects include soreness where the injection was given, headache, joint and muscle pain, fatigue, chills, fever, and others. Major side-effects such as anaphylaxis also happen in rare cases. Please consult with the doctor that administered the vaccine or family doctor if you experience side-effects after being vaccinated. Health related consultation on topics such as side effects is also available at the hotline below run by Miyagi Prefecture.

<COVID-19 Vaccine Side-effects Consultation Center>

Telephone: 050-3615-6941 (available 8:45 a.m.-5:15 p.m., multilingual support available)

- ◆English, Chinese, Korean, Spanish, Portuguese, Japanese: every day
- ◆Thai, Nepali, Vietnamese, Russian, Tagalog, Indonesian, Hindi: Monday – Friday

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COVID-19 Consultation Hotline at the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare

Telephone: 0120-565653 (toll-free)

Hours: As follows (available on weekends and national holidays)

Japanese/English/Chinese/Korean/Portuguese/Spanish: 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.

Thai: 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Vietnamese: 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

◎Regarding the Opening of Tohoku University (Miyagi Prefecture Sendai City) Vaccination Center

Purpose: The Tohoku University Vaccination Center was created to support municipalities to fully vaccinate the elderly by the end of July then transit to vaccinate those with pre-existing condition and those under the age of 65 as part of our COVID-19 infection prevention strategy.

Period: From May 24 (Mon.) 2021 to foreseeable future

9:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m. (also available on weekends and holidays)

Regarding Evening Appointments:

- Evening appointments will become available for booking from July 19 (Mon.) 2021
- Evening appointments will be available from 6:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. (weekdays only, not weekends and holidays)

Location: Yodobashi Camera Multimedia Sendai 4th Floor (1-2-13, Tsutsujigaoka, Miyagino-ku, Sendai City)

Eligibility: Residents of Miyagi Prefecture who meet the following conditions;

(1) Prefectural residents of 18 years* or older who have a vaccine ticket.

*It is possible for people under 18 years old to get vaccinated but those of 17 years of age cannot reserve online or through LINE so please contact the relevant authority or booking hotline to reserve a time slot for the vaccination.

(2) Those who are able to come to a vaccination center

(3) Those who are going to be having their first round of the COVID 19 vaccine

Vaccine Type: Takeda/Moderna Vaccine

Reservation method:

<Online Reservation> (Japanese language only)

<https://www.covid19-vaccine.mrso.jp/miyagi/VisitNumbers/visitnoAuth/>

<By Phone>

Booking Hotline

TEL.: 0570-003-503 (NTT's Japan-wide call handling service)

Hours: From 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. (also open during weekends and holidays)

【Points of Caution】

- Please do not make two different reservations for the vaccine.
- Please be careful of organizations that try to charge a fee for reservation, suspicious SMS and false

websites.

(For those who do not understand Japanese, please contact Miyagi Support Center for Foreign Nationals)

Miyagi Support Center for Foreign Nationals Tel:022-275-9990

Mon-Fri, 9:00-17:00

*Support available in English, Chinese, Korean, Tagalog, Vietnamese, Nepali, Indonesian, Thai, Hindi, Spanish, Portuguese and Russian.

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