

Updated on March 1, 2021

## About the COVID-19 vaccination

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By vaccinating many people with the COVID-19 vaccine, the national government anticipates the reduction of health risks of the novel coronavirus, to lessen the burden on the medical system and to bring about stability to socio-economic situations. We aim to secure a quantity that can provide vaccines to all.

In Ichinoseki, we are making preparations so that we can start vaccinating as soon as they arrive.

The details of the vaccination schedule for target people have not been given by the government at this time, but vaccination of the elderly is expected to start after mid-April.

We will notify citizens when the date of commencement has been decided.

## About priority vaccination

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For the time being, the amount of vaccines that can be secured is limited, so we plan to proceed with vaccination in the priority order according to the Japanese Government. At this time, we expect to give vaccinations in the following order.

Priority order

1. Medical professionals such as doctors and staff, people in frequent contact with coronavirus patients, including suspected patients
2. The elderly (people born before April 1, 1957, who reach the age of 65 during the 2021)
3. Those other than the elderly who have underlying illnesses (people who are currently being treated for chronic respiratory illness / chronic heart disease including hypertension) and those who are engaged in facilities for the elderly
4. People over 16 years old who do not fall under 1-3

## The dispatch of vaccination tickets (coupon tickets)

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We plan to send vaccination tickets to the target people in the order according to priority given by the Japanese Government.

Further information will be provided (through the City HP, etc) on when the tickets will be sent out according to the schedule indicated by the country.

## Vaccination locations

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Adjustments on locations are being made, but primarily at Ichinoseki Gymnasium (Udome) and medical institutions in the city.

We are discussing and coordinating with related organizations; further information will be made available once venues are decided.

## Flow until receiving vaccination

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Procedure to receive vaccination

1. Before the time of vaccination, you will receive a 'vaccination ticket', 'preliminary examination slip' and 'notice about the vaccination' from Ichinoseki City.
2. We will inform you of the medical institutions and vaccination venues where you can receive the vaccine, so please make a reservation by phone (call center), LINE, or the website.
3. When coming to receive your vaccine, please be sure to bring the 'vaccination ticket', 'pre-examination ticket' which will be sent in the mail and identification documents (driver's license, health insurance card, etc.).

For medical professionals, vaccinations will start before the general public. The city will also send vaccination tickets to healthcare professionals who have already received the vaccine, but please do not use them.

## Vaccination cost

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The vaccination is free of charge as it is paid in full as a public expense.

## Consent regarding vaccination

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The vaccination is not compulsory. Vaccination against the novel coronavirus infection will be given only with the consent of the person receiving the vaccination after being provided sufficient information.

Recipients of the vaccination should understand both the effects of the vaccination's ability of preventing infectious diseases and of the risk of side effects, and be vaccinated out of the recipient's own will. No vaccination will be given without the consent of the recipient.

## About side effects

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Vaccines have the effect of reducing the risk of getting sick and the severity, but they can cause side effects due to the administration of foreign substances into the body. Make sure you understand the vaccine and receive it when you are in good physical condition.

The frequency of anaphylaxis, which is an acute allergic reaction to the components contained in the vaccine, is reported to be about 5 in 1 million people in the United States after it being made available. In the case of vaccination in Japan, medical staff will monitor recipients for 15 to 30 minutes after vaccination and take necessary measures if anaphylaxis should occur.

[About Pfizer vaccines currently approved \(external link\)](#)

## Relief System for Injury to Health with Vaccination

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In general, it's inevitable that vaccinations can in extremely rare cases cause damage to health (illness or disability), therefore a relief system is in place.

The relief system, based on the Immunization Act, allows you to receive relief (medical expenses, disability pension, etc.) if vaccinations cause health damage and requires medical treatment at a medical institution or leaves you with a disability. In regard to the COVID-19 vaccination, in the case of health damage, you can receive relief based on the Immunization Act.

For the contents of the current relief system, please check the Relief System for Injury to Health with Vaccination below.

[\[Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare\] Vaccination Health Damage](#)

[Relief System](#) (external link)

## The establishment of the COVID-19 vaccination call center in Ichinoseki City

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A call center will be opened on Friday, March 5, to receive inquiries, consultations about vaccines, and will take vaccination reservations.

Phone number: 0570-055091 (Navi dial: Call charges apply)

Reception hours: 9 am to 5 pm (Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays are also held)

Reception support: English and Chinese are also available.

## The official LINE account for Ichinoseki COVID-19 vaccinations

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We have started up an official LINE account to receive vaccine reservations and transmit information about vaccinations.

To get the latest vaccination reservations and vaccination information on LINE, install the LINE app on your smartphone and then "Add friend". (Currently, vaccination reservations cannot be entered. We will inform you as soon as the reservation commencement date has been decided.)



Read the QR code and add Ichinoseki City as a friend (Japanese)

## Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare telephone

### consultation desk regarding the COVID-19 vaccine

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The Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare has set up a telephone consultation desk for inquiries regarding basic COVID-19 vaccines and procedures.

Phone number: 0120-761770 (toll free)

Reception hours: 9:00 am to 9:00 pm (Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays are also held)

### Beware of vaccine scams

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Suspicious calls under the guise of being a staff member of the prefecture or city have been made requesting cash and saying that it is possible to vaccinate against COVID-19. Vaccination against COVID-19 is free of charge as it is implemented as a national policy. Be careful not to be fooled by suspicious calls.

The National Consumer Affairs Center of Japan has set up the 'Novel Coronavirus Vaccine Fraud Consumer Hotline' and accepts consultations on consumer troubles related to vaccine fraud by toll-free number.

Consultation reception hours: 10:00 am to 4:00 pm (including Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays)

Special consultation number: 0120-797-188 (toll-free number)

National Consumer Affairs Center of Japan "New Corona Vaccine Fraud Consumer Hotline" ([external link](#))