

Need-to-know Information

COVID-19 XBB-Targeting Vaccine Shots

Why is the vaccination necessary?

More people get infected with COVID-19 from the end of December to the month of January

We see more people get infected with COVID-19 from the end of December to the following month of January. Vaccination against COVID-19 is effective to mitigate development of severe symptoms, high fever, coughing, etc. COVID-19 Omicron (XBB.1.5-targeting) vaccinations have started in Gunma.

*COVID-19 Omicron (XBB.1.5) is a type of COVID-19 virus. A large of people have been infected. It is highly contagious, so you should be very careful.

Who is eligible?

All Gunma residents who have 3 months from their last COVID-19 shot.
*Children from 6 months to 4 years old must have had 3 shots, and 5 years or older 2 shots, respectively.

How much?

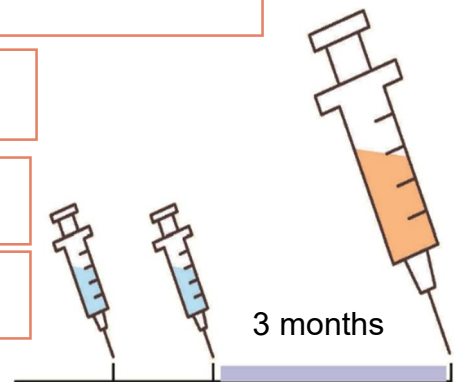
Free of charge

When?

From September 20, 2023 to March 31, 2024

Where?

Medical facilities in the city/town/village where you live and/or venues set up by your local municipal office



What are the advantages?

The new vaccine is more effective against COVID-19 than the ones you have received so far.

Because the new COVID-19 XBB-targeting vaccination contains Omicron variant (XBB.1.5) component, it is expected to be more effective to mitigate development of severe symptoms or getting infected with COVID-19.

Are other types of vaccinations available, too?

It is safe to receive vaccinations made by different manufacturers from your previous vaccination manufacturers.

You can get COVID-19 XBB-Targeting vaccination that is made by different manufacturer from your previous vaccination manufacturers.

Are the shots safe?


Side effects are almost the same as those you had to date.

Both Pfizer and Moderna vaccinations show almost the same side effects from their previous shots.

- ◆ Get COVID-19 XBB-Targeting vaccination even if you have already been infected with COVID-19 before.
- ◆ Take the usual precautions against COVID-19 even after you had XBB-Targeting vaccination.
- ◆ Do not force others to get vaccinated.
- ◆ Do not discriminate against unvaccinated people.

If you have any questions about what is described above, ask by contacting the numbers below.

(These are not toll-free numbers.)

Vaccination coupons How to make an appointment with venue/medical institution to get vaccinated, etc.	The City/Town/Village Hall where you live
About the vaccinations Symptoms you develop after vaccination, etc.	Gunma COVID-19 Vaccination Helpline 0 5 7 0 – 7 8 3 – 9 1 0 (24/7 in 19 languages)
Other questions	One-Stop Consultation Center for Foreign Residents of Gunma 0 2 7 – 2 8 9 – 8 2 7 5 (Mon. ~ Fri. 9:00 - 17:00 hours) In six languages)
More information about vaccinations	By the Health, Labour and Welfare Ministry  By the Gunma Prefectural Government 