



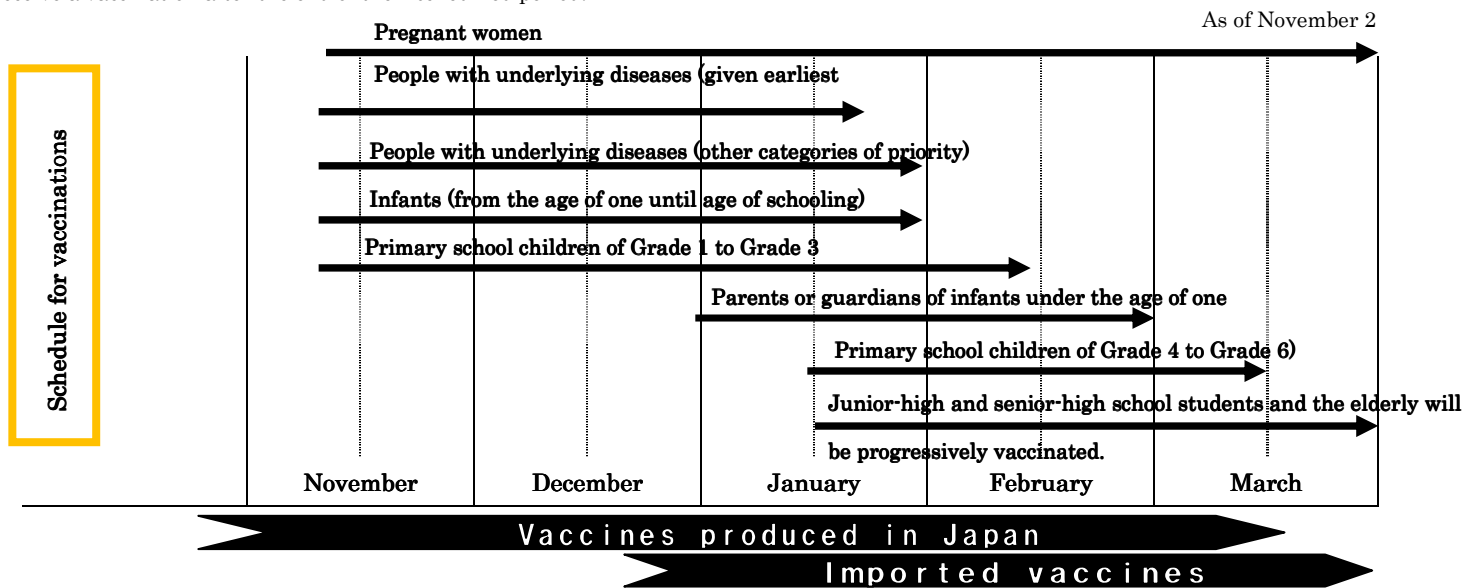
Concerning vaccinations

Matters that require your awareness and understanding

Although vaccination is an effective measure to prevent the disease from advancing to a serious level, aside from possible symptoms such as swelling and fever, there are also risks that patients' conditions may become critical. Based on a decision as to the effectiveness of vaccination, the above potential risks ought to be understood. With this in mind, the City of Yao will swiftly provide every citizen with information necessary for them to decide.

Concerning the group targeted for prioritized vaccination

Because the number of vaccines against the new strain of influenza is limited, the group targeted for prioritized vaccination will be vaccinated according to the schedule (schedule may be subject to change). A person with an underlying disease (given earliest priority) refers to people who, based on the decision of doctors, meet a certain range of criteria suggesting that the disease could become serious. Each member of this group may receive a vaccination after the end of their scheduled period.



Steps to take before getting a vaccination

- ① Persons eligible for prioritized vaccination (those listed on the schedule of vaccination) will have to confirm when vaccinations will be available for them and which medical organizations will be available. To begin with, consult your doctor.
- ② Prepare documents to be presented
 - * People with underlying diseases → Request your doctor to issue a 'certificate of priority vaccination' if the doctor cannot provide vaccination.
 - * Pregnant women → a Maternity Record Book
 - * Children from the age of one until the lower age group of primary school → a Maternity Record Book or a health insurance certificate of some kind
 - * Parents or guardians of infants under the age of one → a Maternity Record Book, a health insurance certificate of some kind or a certificate of residence
 - * Children from Grade 4 of primary school to the ages equivalent to senior-high school students → a health insurance certificate of all types, a student card or a certificate of residence
 - * Persons over 65 years old → a health insurance certificate of some kind, a driving license or a certificate of residence
- ③ Make an appointment at a medical organization
- ④ Get the Vaccination
 - * Present the necessary documents to a medical organization
 - * Pay a fee for the vaccination



Pay the vaccination fee to a medical organization

For two vaccinations, the first one costs ¥3,600 and the second one costs ¥2,550. (In the case that vaccinations are provided at different organizations, both fees will cost ¥3,600)

- * Consult a medical organization where (a) vaccination(s) is (are) administered, if suspicious symptoms occur following the vaccination(s).

○Concerning the fee exemption benefits for vaccinations

(please understand the filing process can take time)

Amongst the targeted group for prioritized vaccination, any member of a family receiving income-support benefits and anyone who lives in a household in which all residents receive the Citizen's Tax benefits will be exempted from paying the entire fee of the vaccination.

Residents who wish to receive a vaccination for a new strain of influenza in Yao City are strongly requested to book a vaccination at a medical organization before applying for this exemption benefit.

◎Required documents

1. In the case that you are a member of a household receiving an income-support benefit, an income-support benefit certificate is required
2. Documents to certify that each member of the household is receiving the Citizen's Tax benefit (Notice of Citizen's Tax / Resident's Tax benefit of Osaka Prefecture for the year 2009 or a Decision of Citizen's Tax / Resident's Tax of Osaka Prefecture for the year 2009)

◎Where processing takes place

A person who wishes to receive a charge exemption benefit for a vaccination is requested to apply at the specially prepared site on the 2nd floor of Yao City Hall or on the 3rd floor of the Public Health Center. After successfully examining the required documents, 'A decision of charge exemption benefit from Yao City for vaccination against the new strain of influenza' will be issued.

◎ Period of application and reception desk operating hours

Applications may be received from November 2, 2009 until March 31, 2010 during City Hall working days (8:45am – 5:00pm).

A person awarded a benefit is requested to present the decision of charge exemption benefit at a medical organization to receive a vaccination. (Vaccination at a medical organization will be free of charge)

※ In the case that there is a valid reason for not being able to complete an application for charge exemption benefit prior to vaccination or in the case that a vaccination is received at a medical organization outside Yao City, the vaccination fee will be payable and the payment may be refunded.

Additional required documents

- ① A statement of receiving a new strain of influenza vaccination (to be issued at a medical organization where the vaccination was provided).
- ② The receipt (original) for the vaccination fee (to be issued at a medical organization where the vaccination was provided)
- ③ Bank details concerning the account in which you desire payment to be received
- ④ A seal

Together with all the above documents, an application for a refund may also be submitted to the reception desk.

If a person who completed the application process is awarded the benefit, a refund of the fee will be transferred to the specified account on the 30th day of the month following the application's completion (in the case that the 30th day of the month is a Sunday or national holiday, the transfer will take place on the following day). The final day of receiving applications is March 31, 2010).

Advice on the new type of influenza is available at

Yao City Public Health Center

TEL 0 7 2 - 9 9 3 - 8 6 0 0 FAX 0 7 2 - 9 9 6 - 1 5 9 8

Contact for advice on the new strain of influenza at Osaka Prefecture

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