

The Information to Know regarding The 3rd Dose of the COVID-19 Vaccine

Why is the vaccination necessary?

The vaccine effectiveness wears off as time passes.

The COVID-19 vaccine has high preventive effectiveness.

However, the vaccine effectiveness wears off as time passes.

That is **why you need the 3rd dose**, known as the booster shot.

The effectiveness of preventing the onset of the infection against Omicron strains

After your 2nd dose

65~70%

2 to 4 weeks later

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25 weeks later

Who is eligible?

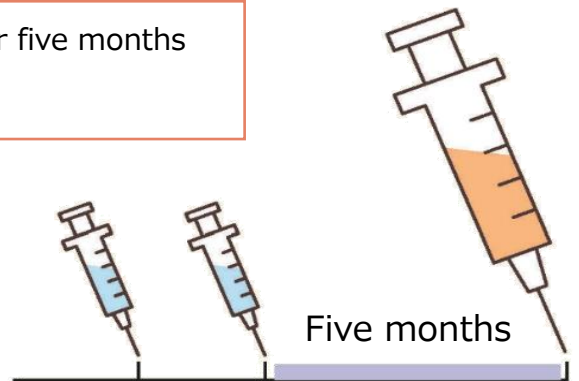
You must be 12 years or older and wait for five months after your 2nd dose.

Fee

Free of charge ¥ 0

Where?

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



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

The 3rd dose of the vaccine prevents you from catching COVID-19.

It is known that the 3rd dose of the vaccine has high preventive effectiveness of getting infected with COVID-19 or getting seriously ill even if you have gotten infected.

Can I get a vaccine from a different manufacturer?

Getting your 3rd vaccine by a different manufacturer than the 1st and 2nd vaccines is safe.

The 3rd dose of vaccine can be the one by another manufacturer which is different from the 1st and 2nd doses.

It is highly effective and safe.

The key is that you should get vaccinated as soon as possible, whether the vaccine is manufactured by Pfizer or Moderna.

Is the vaccine safe?



Side effects can be mostly the same as the ones you had after your 2nd dose.

You will probably have similar side effects as the ones you had after your 2nd shot, whether the 3rd vaccine is by Pfizer or Moderna. Those side effects would be fewer than when the 2nd shot, because the 3rd dose of the Moderna vaccine is half the dose of the 1st and 2nd shots.



- ◆ The 3rd dose is recommended to receive even for those people who have been infected with COVID-19 before.
- ◆ Even after your 3rd dose, you are requested to take anti-infection measures.
- ◆ Do not force those people around you to get vaccinated.
- ◆ Do not discriminate against unvaccinated people.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask by contacting the numbers below. Please note that these numbers are not toll-free.

About vaccination coupons, making and appointment at a vaccination facility/medical institution where you live	Your local city/town/village hall
Symptoms you develop after your 3rd shot	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	Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare  Gunma Prefectural Government  called " <i>Kosei-Rodo-sho</i> "

Those people who have not received the 1st and the 2nd doses of the vaccine are still acceptable to get vaccinated. The fee is ¥0.