

## The Information to Know regarding The 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> dose**, known as the booster shot.

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

After your 2<sup>nd</sup> dose

65~70%

2 to 4 weeks later

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25 weeks later

### Who is eligible?

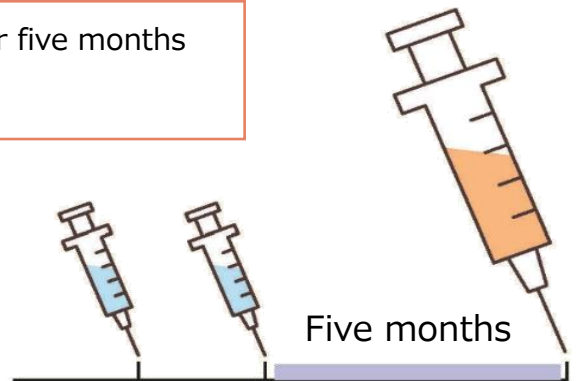
You must be 12 years or older and wait for five months after your 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.

### 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 3<sup>rd</sup> dose of the vaccine prevents you from catching COVID-19.

It is known that the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup> vaccine by a different manufacturer than the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccines is safe.

The 3<sup>rd</sup> dose of vaccine can be the one by another manufacturer which is different from the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> dose.**

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



- ◆ The 3<sup>rd</sup> dose is recommended to receive even for those people who have been infected with COVID-19 before.
- ◆ Even after your 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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| About vaccination coupons, making and appointment at a vaccination facility/medical institution where you live | <b>Your local city/town/village hall</b>   |
| Symptoms you develop after your 3rd shot   | <b>Gunma COVID-19 Vaccine Helpline</b> (24/7)<br>☎ 0 5 7 0 - 7 8 3 - 9 1 0 Operators speak 19 languages.   |
| Other questions  | <b>One-Stop Consultation Center for Foreign Residents of Gunma</b><br>☎ 0 2 7 - 2 8 9 - 8 2 7 5<br>(Monday through Friday 9:00 - 17:00 5 languages)  |
| Details of the vaccines  | <b>Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare</b>  <b>Gunma Prefectural Government</b> <br>called " <i>Kosei-Rodo-sho</i> " |

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