

The New Strain of Influenza (A/H1N1) Vaccination Information

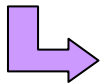
1 About the A/H1N1 vaccination

Effects of the vaccination

Although the A/H1N1 vaccination will help prevent serious infection, it does not guarantee 100% protection.

Side Effects

There have been cases of inflammation and fever. There is also a possibility of critical illness occurring as a side effect of the vaccination.



Please consider the effects and possible side effects of the vaccination. Also, be sure to consult a doctor before deciding to be vaccinated.

2 Prioritization of the vaccine

Due to the limited quantity of the A/H1N1 vaccine, it is not possible to vaccinate everyone at once. As a result, priority will be given to people who are at a high risk of serious illness and death, as well as medical practitioners.

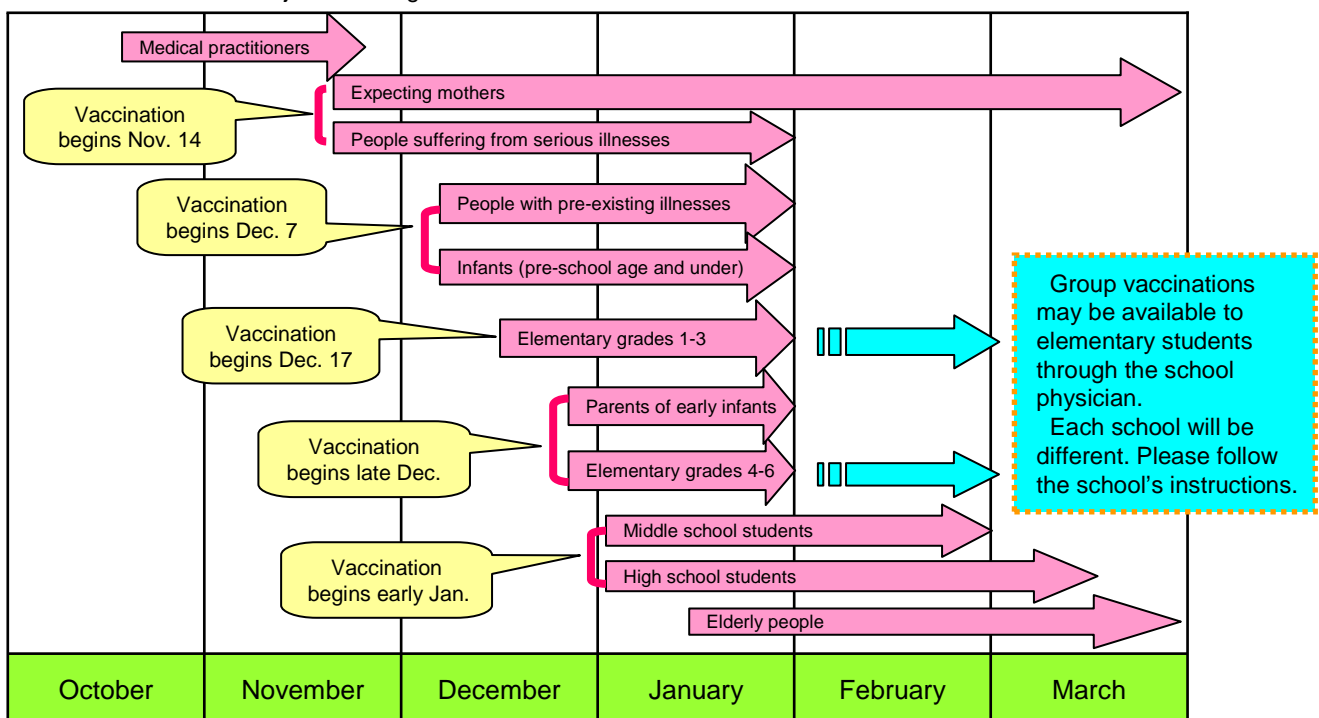
Vaccination will be prioritized according to the following schedule:

3 Vaccine prioritization schedule [As of November 24, 2009]

* People under 13 years of age required to be vaccinated twice.

* Currently, students over 13 years of age are also required to be vaccinated twice. However, this will be re-evaluated through clinical studies.

* This schedule is subject to change under the discretion of national authorities.



The following are considered serious and pre-existing diseases:

Chronic heart, lungs, kidney, liver diseases, nerve diseases, neuromuscular, blood diseases, diabetes, chronic conditions in infants. Please apply to be vaccinated after consulting your primary care physician. (Patients with pre-existing conditions must fulfill certain criteria to be designated as priority.)

We will respond to those who do not meet the criteria of the prioritization schedule after consideration of the current infection trends, vaccination statistics, and vaccine supply after the priority targets have been vaccinated.

Generally speaking, those who have already contracted the new strain of influenza* do not need to be vaccinated, as they are already immune.

* Patients must have confirmed through specialized testing (such as PCR testing) that they had contracted the H1N1 influenza.

Patients diagnosed with Type A influenza since the summer of 2009 (according to a survey by the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare, the majority of influenza patients during the period between summer 2009 and November 11, 2009 have been infected with the new strain of influenza virus.)
(from the Ministry of Health, Labor and Welfare Q&A)

4 Healthcare Facilities Offering the Vaccination

The medical institutions where the vaccination will be administered have been set. Please consult your physician to see if he or she is able to offer the vaccination. If your physician/health care facility has not been designated, please contact one of the consultation services listed at the end of this flier.

Also, the latest information will be available on the Tottori Prefecture homepage "ToriNet."



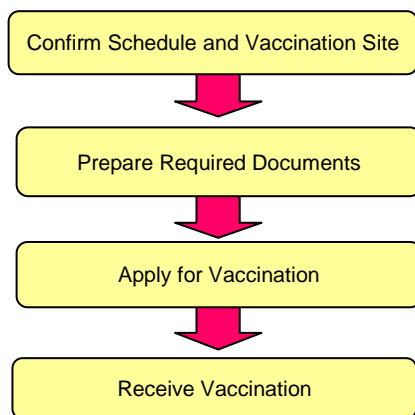
5 Vaccination Fee



Vaccinated twice at the same healthcare facility Total: 6,150 Yen (First time 3,600 Yen + Second time 2,550 Yen)
 Vaccinated twice at different healthcare facilities Total: 7,200 Yen (3,600 Yen x 2 times)

* For information on fee exemptions for low-income households, please contact your local municipality.

6 Pre-Vaccination Process



If you think you are eligible for priority vaccination, consult your primary physician to confirm, and check the vaccination schedule and list of participating facilities. (There will be cases where the facility is not your primary health care facility.)

Prepare the documents that verify your eligibility in a priority group (refer to the chart below) to bring with you at the time of vaccination.

Apply to be vaccinated at a healthcare facility that offers the vaccination. Please consult that facility for details such as schedule.

Bring the required documents when you are to be vaccinated. After the vaccination, you may experience symptoms such as inflammation and fever. If these symptoms appear and/or persist for a long period, please contact the vaccination facility.

7 Required Documents (Some certification documents may require a fee to acquire.)

Priority Group	Required Documents
1. Pregnant women	Maternal & Child Health Handbook, etc.
2. People with pre-existing medical conditions	Certificate of Priority Group Eligibility (issued by primary care physician) , etc. Not necessary if your vaccination site is your primary healthcare facility.
3. Children (1 year old – 3 rd grade)	Maternal & Child Health Handbook or insurance card, etc.
4. Guardians of children under 1 year old	Maternal & Child Health Handbook, insurance card, certificate of residence. (Documents that confirm residence in a household with a child under 1 year old.)
5. Guardians of patients in priority groups 1-3 (who cannot be vaccinated for medical reasons)	· Certificate of Priority Group Eligibility · Insurance card or certificate of residence, etc. (Documents that confirm residence in a household with a priority group individual who cannot be vaccinated.)
6. Children (4 th grade – high school age)	Insurance card, student ID, driver's license, certificate of residence, etc. (Documents that verify age.)
7. Persons over 65	

For Questions Regarding the New Influenza Vaccine [Weekdays 8:30 ~ 17:15]

Telephone Consultation Service in English

Support will be provided in English to facilitate communication with the specialized services below.

Title	Phone Number	Notes
Tottori Prefectural International Exchange Foundation	0857-31-5953	English consultation will be handled by the TPIEF via three-way call between a Japanese health official and the caller.
Tottori Prefectural Government Domestic and International Affairs Division	0857-24-5459	Messages through the consultation service will be taken and forwarded to health officials, and the call will be returned.

Specialized Consultation Service (Japanese only)

Bureau of Social Welfare and Public Health, Department of Health and Disease Control	0857 - 26 - 8666
Eastern Region Office, Bureau of Social Welfare and Public Health (Tottori Healthcare Center)	0857 - 22 - 5100
Central Region Office, Bureau of Social Welfare and Public Health (Kurayoshi Healthcare Center)	0858 - 22 - 7006
Western Region Office, Bureau of Social Welfare and Public Health (Yonago Healthcare Center)	0859 - 31 - 5800

Persons with hearing disabilities can also consult via facsimile:

Bureau of Social Welfare and Public Health, Health Policy Division (Japanese)	Facsimile: 0857 - 26 - 8143
Department of Domestic and International Affairs (English)	Facsimile: 0857 - 26 - 2164