

Preventive Vaccinations

Periodic Vaccinations (Free of charge)

Preventive vaccinations can be classified into both *periodic* and *voluntary* vaccinations. “Periodic” vaccinations are those which are recommended by the Japanese government to citizens to protect their health. As such, their frequency and the period to be administered (Standard Vaccination Period) are fixed.

Vaccinations are free (except for influenza) if received within the standard vaccination period. However, if this period of time is exceeded, the vaccine will be deemed “voluntary” and incur costs for the recipient. It is highly recommended to receive vaccinations within the fixed standard vaccination period.

Type	Standard vaccination period	Standard # Times	Target age
1) BCG	3-7 months after birth	1	Within 11 months after birth
2) Diphtheria, Pertussis, Tetanus, acute Poliomyelitis	3-11 months after birth	3	3-89 months after birth
	After first vaccination 12-17 months later	Additional Booster Shot	
3) Diphtheria tetanus (DT)	11 years old	1	11-12 years old
4) Measles/rubella (MR)	12-23 months after birth	1	12-23 months after birth
	One year period before entering elementary school	1	One year period before entering elementary school
5) Japanese encephalitis	3 years old	2	6-89 months after birth
	1 year after first vaccination	Additional Booster Shot	
	9 years old	1	9-12 years old
6) Hib (*)	Begin 2-7 months after birth, repeated every 27-56 days	3	2-59 months after birth
	7-13 months after initial 3 vaccinations	Additional Booster Shot	
7) Pediatric pneumococcus (*)	Begin 2-7 months after birth, repeated every 27 days or longer (until 12 months after birth)	3	2-59 months after birth
	60 or more days after initial 3 vaccinations	Additional Booster Shot	
8) Chicken Pox	12-15 months after birth	1st shot	1、 2 years old
	6-12 months after the first visit	2nd shot	
9) Uterine cervical cancer prevention	Equivalent of junior high school 1st grade	3	Equivalent of elementary school 6th grade – high school 1st grade

*Total number of vaccinations varies depending on the age of the child when vaccination began