

## To prevent your child from getting sick

Immunity that has been gifted to the infant from the mother is naturally lost over time, and as the infant grows and ventures outside, they are exposed to infectious diseases. Therefore, it is necessary for your child to develop his/her own immune system to prevent illness. This is where vaccination comes in.

You are advised to understand vaccines correctly, and make sure your child is vaccinated when his/her health is in good condition.

The following table shows information concerning vaccines as of April 1, 2008. For the latest information, please contact the Health Section at the Health and Welfare Center (Public Health Center) in your ward.

Vaccine		Regulated Dosage	Eligible subjects (residents)	
			Eligible age	Recommended time of vaccination
DPT Diphtheria Pertussis Tetanus	First phase-1	3 doses	3 months to 7 years and 5 months old (administered 3 times with 20 to 56 days between each dose)	3 – 12 months old
	First Phase-2	1 dose	3 months to 7 years and 5 months old (after more than 6 months from the First Phase-1 vaccination)	12 – 18 months after the First Phase-1 vaccination
DT Diphtheria Tetanus	Second phase	1 dose	11 to 12 years old	11 years old
MR Measles Rubella	First phase	1 dose	12 – 23 months old *Vaccination is recommended as soon as the child turns one year old.	
	Second phase	1 dose	<One year prior to starting elementary school (Period of vaccination is from April 1 to next March 31)> A child between the ages of 5 to 7 years is eligible to receive vaccination from one year prior to, until the day before, starting elementary school.	
From 2008 to 2012	Third phase	1 dose	Children of ages corresponding to First Grade of Junior High School <Period of vaccination is from April 1 to next March 31> (Suggested period: April to June)	
	Fourth phase	1 dose	Children of ages corresponding to Third Grade of High School <Period of vaccination is from April 1 to next March 31> (Suggested period: April to June)	

Japanese Encephalitis*	First phase-1	2 doses	6 months to 7 years and 5 months old (administered twice, 6 to 28 days apart)	3 years old
	First phase-2	1 dose	6 months to 7 years and 5 months old (administered once about 1 year after the first 2 doses)	4 years old
	Second phase	1 dose	9 years to 12 years old	9 years old
Polio Vaccination is administered at the Health and Welfare Center of your ward		2 doses	3 months to 7 years and 5 months old (administered twice, with more than 41 days in between)	3 – 18 months old
BCG Vaccination is administered at the Health and Welfare Center of your ward		1 dose	Less than 6 months old	Between 3 – 6 months old

\* In accordance with the Ministry of Health, Labor, and Welfare, we are advised to refrain from strongly recommending Japanese Encephalitis vaccination. However, this vaccination is available upon request, to those who have received a thorough explanation from a medical practitioner in regards to possible side-effects and have subsequently given a written consent.

☆ Vaccination is provided free of charge.

☆ DPT, DT, MR (Measles and Rubella), and Japanese encephalitis are administered at local medical institutions displaying a pink-colored plate from Monday to Friday, unless otherwise stated. However, you are advised to check with the medical facility of your choice in advance, because some places require an appointment.

☆ Polio and BCG vaccines are administered at the Health and Welfare Center on a designated date, time, and place. You will be notified of the vaccination schedule for polio through the city newsletters issued on March 15 and September 15, and for BCG, through a mandatory health check up notice for a 4 month-old infant.

☆ In order to receive these vaccinations, children must bring their Maternal and Child Health Handbook and must be accompanied by a parent or a guardian.

☆ For further information, please contact the Health Section at the Health and Welfare Center (Public Health Center) of your ward.

< Phone numbers of the Health and Welfare Center of each ward >

Higashi Ward Office: 645—1078

Hakata Ward Office: 419—1091

Chuo Ward Office: 761—7328

Minami Ward Office: 559—5116

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