

## Note on Vaccination.

Thus far data has shown that the vaccine developed for influenza A (H1N1) can be expected to have a certain level of effectiveness in preventing severe stages or death due to the illness. However, its effectiveness in preventing infection has not yet been proven. Therefore, vaccination itself does not guarantee that you will not contract H1N1. The domestically produced vaccine is considered to be almost as safe as the seasonal flu vaccines that have been used for many years. While vaccination can prevent many people from getting seriously ill, it may cause swelling, high fever, or other symptoms, as well as serious conditions on rare occasions. We hope you will understand that the complete elimination of risk is not possible, and we ask you to make your own decision to get vaccinated.

## Vaccination Priority Groups, Appointments and Vaccinations

The national government has established priority groups with consideration for the possibility of developing severe symptoms, because there are a limited number of vaccines that can be provided. We set the vaccination schedule indicated below, based on the amount of vaccines to be distributed and the estimated number of people in priority groups. \*The schedule for appointment and vaccination is subject to change. Please check for up-to-date information on the Gifu Prefecture website.

When making an appointment or an inquiry to a medical institution, please contact them during their consultation hours.

	Priority groups	Vaccination appointment period (tentative)	Start date for vaccination (tentative)
1	Healthcare personnel	-	Started on October 19
2	Pregnant women	Anytime from October 22	Started on November 16
	People with an underlying illness*	Anytime from October 22*	Started on November 16
3	Children from the age of 1 – 3rd graders	Anytime from November 12	Started on December 4
4	Parents or guardians of children under the age of 1	November 30 – December 14	December 21
5	4th – 6th graders	December 1 – December 9	December 21
	Junior high school students	December 11 – December 22	January 15
	Senior high school students	December 22 – January 7	January 15
	Elderly people of 65 years or above	January 12 – January 22	January 26



\*Inquiry period for people with an underlying illness

### For people with an underlying illness:

Please contact your family doctor because they will decide the priority for underlying illnesses based on individual symptoms.

### For non-priority group members:

At present, plans for vaccination against influenza A (H1N1) have yet to be determined for people not in the priority groups.

### Q: Do I need to make an appointment to get vaccinated?

A: Yes.

It is necessary for you to make an appointment so that vaccinations may be carried out smoothly. Please contact a designated medical institution during the appointment period. The medical institution will then contact you about your vaccination date. Each institution has off-duty days and hours, so please check information on consultation hours beforehand.

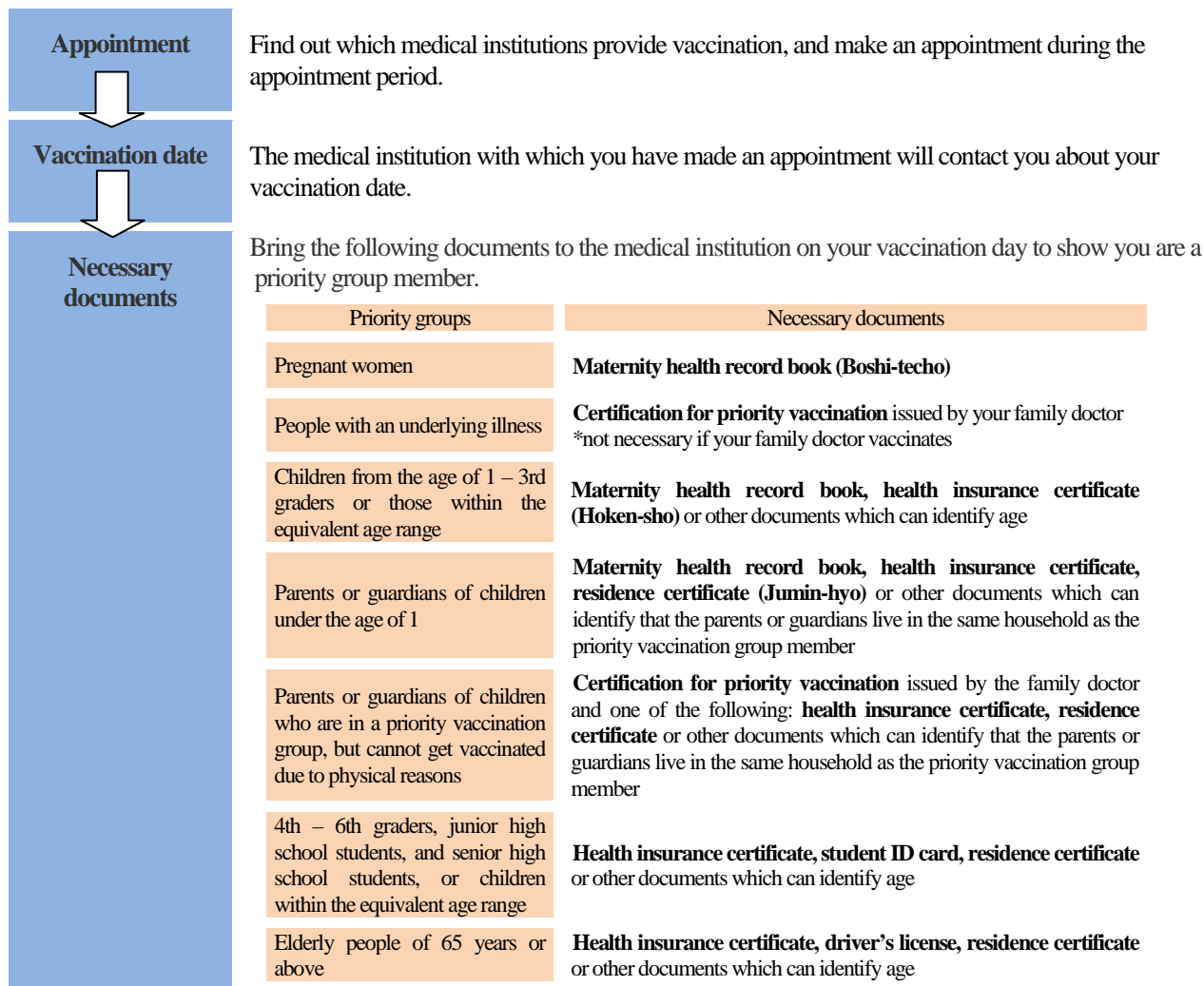
### Q: Which medical institutions provide vaccinations?

A: Vaccination against influenza A (H1N1) is not provided by all medical institutions. You can get vaccinated at medical institutions that have signed an agreement with the national government. Medical institutions where you can receive a vaccine vary according to the groupings on the priority vaccination list, so please refer to the medical institution information on the Gifu Prefecture's website.

### Q: Is it possible to get vaccinated if I do not make an appointment during the appointment period?

A: It is possible to receive a vaccination in such a case. Please contact a medical institution and make an appointment.

# Vaccination Flowchart (excluding people with an underlying illness)



## Do not make a reservation with more than one medical institution.

This may cause the delay of other people's vaccination.

### Vaccination fee

Please pay the fee at the medical institution when you get vaccinated. (In general, the fee is uniform throughout the country.)

Total amount: 6,150 yen

1st shot: 3,600 yen

2nd shot: 2,550 yen\*

\*3,600 yen if you get vaccinated at a medical institution different from the first one



If your household receives public assistance or is excused from the municipal tax payment, and you are a priority vaccination group member, you may be exempt from the vaccination fee. Please contact your local municipal office for further information.

Information on the vaccination schedule and the medical institutions which provide vaccinations is on the following website.  
<http://www.pref.gifu.lg.jp/pref/s11223/influenza/vaccine/index.html>



For inquiries, please contact:

Influenza A (H1N1) Consultation Service, Public Health and Medical Treatment Division

Gifu Prefectural Government 058-272-8860 (8:30 – 18:00 on weekdays)

Information is also provided at your local municipal office.

For inquiries in foreign languages, please contact:

Chuno Region Promotional Office  
 0574-25-1858 Tagalog (9:00 – 15:45 on weekdays)

Gifu International Center  
 058-277-1013 English and Chinese (9:00 – 16:00 on weekdays)