

An illustration of a person's arm and shoulder being injected with a vaccine. A hand in a blue glove holds the arm steady while another hand in a blue glove injects a needle into the shoulder. The needle contains a blue liquid. The background is a solid dark blue.

COVID-19 Vaccinations Starting from October 19



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- COVID-19 vaccination for the '23-'24 season starts from October 19.
 - Free COVID-19 vaccination is available to foreign residents regardless of health insurance status (*Eligible to be given to undocumented residents if they have stayed in Korea for more than 90 days).
 - COVID-19 vaccine (free) and influenza vaccine (at an extra cost) can be taken at the same time.
- High-risk groups are advised to get both vaccines on the same visit to the doctor.
- Persons aged 12 to 64 who are not in high-risk groups and children & infants/toddlers in high-risk groups can also get the shots from November 1.



1. Vaccination strongly recommended to prevent severe illness & death in high-risk groups

- Recommended target group: High-risk groups such as people aged 65 or above, immunocompromised people aged 12 to 64, people who are hospitalized, admitted, or employed at high-risk settings.
- Vaccination period: Oct. 19, 2023 (Thursday) - Mar. 31, 2024 (Sunday)
- Vaccination shot: XBB.1.5 vaccine (Pfizer, Moderna)
- Vaccination institutions: Consigned medical clinics/institutions & public health centers nationwide (15,000 locations)
- Vaccination fee: Free of charge (all citizens, including high-risk groups, registered foreign residents, and undocumented foreign residents who have stayed in Korea for more than 90 days)
- Vaccination method: Vaccination possible on the day with or without an appointment
 - *Online appointment (ncvr.kdca.go.kr) & appointment by phone (1339 call center, local government call center & medical institutions)
 - *Guardians (of spouse, child, etc.) can make a proxy appointment after confirming his/her legal relationship & required personal information.

Vaccination target group (including registered foreigners & unregistered residents)	Vaccination period
■ 65 years old or above ■ Immunocompromised people aged 12 to 64 ■ Hospitalized, admitted, or employed at high-risk settings	Oct. 19, 2023 (Thursday)-Mar. 31, 2024 (Sunday)
People aged 12 to 64	Nov. 1, 2023 (Wednesday)-Mar. 31, 2024 (Sunday)

2. COVID-19 vaccination for high-risk children & infants/toddlers begins on November 1, 2023

- Vaccination target group: High-risk children (5 to 11 years old) & infants/toddlers (6 months to 4 years old) who have not been vaccinated with the new XBB.1.5 vaccine
- Vaccination period: From November 1, 2023 (Wednesday)
- Vaccination shot: XBB.1.5 vaccine & Pfizer XBB.1.5 new vaccine for infants/toddlers
 - *Children & infants/toddlers who have not been vaccinated with the Pfizer vaccine will be vaccinated with the Moderna vaccine.
 - *Infants/toddlers who have already been vaccinated with Pfizer vaccines are eligible for the Pfizer vaccine.
- Vaccination institutions: Consigned medical clinics/institutions & public health centers nationwide (approximately 1,000 locations)
 - *COVID-19 vaccination website (ncv.kdca.go.kr) > Vaccination status > COVID-19 vaccination providers (12 years of age or older, children & infants/toddlers)
- Vaccination fee: Free of charge (all citizens, including high-risk groups, registered foreign residents, and undocumented foreign residents who have stayed in Korea for more than 90 days)

	High-risk children (5 to 11 years old)	High-risk infants/toddlers (6 months to 4 years old)	
		Unvaccinated	Vaccinated
Vaccination shot	Moderna	Moderna	Pfizer for infants/ toddlers
Vaccination start date	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	In December
Appointment start date	Nov. 1	Nov. 1	To be announced

※COVID-19 vaccination multilingual consultation service

- Seoul Foreign Resident Center (40 Dosin-ro, Yeongdeungpo-gu, Seoul)
- Tel. 02-2229-4900, hotline@sfrc.seoul.kr
- Operating hours: 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM, Monday to Friday & Sunday
(*Closed on Saturdays)
- Languages available: English, Chinese, Vietnamese, Russian, Uzbek, Mongolian

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