

# Ginowan City Newsletter

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## Information regarding the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination for females between grade 6 and grade 12

In Japan, HPV vaccination is voluntary but fully-covered by the government for females between grade 6 and grade 12

Vaccination against the human papillomavirus was included in Japan's national immunization programme since April 1, 2013. However, the Ministry of Health, Labor Labour and Welfare halted proactive recommendation of the HPV vaccine in June 2013. Although the HPV vaccination is no longer proactively recommended, the cost of HPV immunization continues to be fully-covered by the government for those wishing to receive the vaccine.

This purpose of this article is to notify parents and eligible persons of the availability of the HPV vaccine and its effectiveness and risks. Please see the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare's website for detailed information on the vaccine.

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### Ginowan population

(as of November 30)

Total population	100,420 (+74)
Female	51,590 (+30)
Male	48,830 (+44)
Foreign nationals	1,652 (+16)
Total household	45,965 (+45)
Total nationalities	51 (±0)



▶ Information on HPV vaccination by the MHLW



▶ List of designated medical facilities in the city

Eligible persons	females between grade 6 and grade 12
Number of doses	3 doses administered over 6 months
Cost	free (for those within the age range specified above)
Location	at designated medical facilities (please contact the Health Consultation Centre at 098-898-5583)

# Let's be COVID-conscious this holiday season

- Refrain from going to events and eating in groups where there is **crowding** and where COVID-19 prevention measures are not stringently adhered to. In particular, **stay away from events like parties** where people talk loudly in close proximity and there is an unspecified large number of participants.
- When attending events or eating meals, ensure you **maintain distance with others, disinfect your hands, wear a mask, and avoid talking loudly.**

## Beware of impostor scam

### Cases of impostors posing as fire department staff and demanding money for fire protection equipment inspections have been reported in Naha in September

There has also been cases of such impostors entering private homes to conduct fire extinguisher inspections. We ask all residents and property or business owners to be vigilant.

- Fire department staff will carry a Certificate of Entry and Inspection.
- If you are suspicious of any inspection requests, please confirm with your nearest fire station.
- The fire department will **never** request a fee for any inspections nor try to sell you any products.

For inquiries, please contact the Ginowan Fire Department at 098-892-1850.

## Holiday garbage collection schedule

### There will be no collection between January 1 and January 3

Please note that some areas may have a gap of one week between collection days.

The city office will be closed from December 29 to January 3, therefore we will not be able to accept bookings for over-sized trash pickups during this period. Please contact us as soon as possible if you would like to make a booking for pickup as the number of requests skyrocket at the end of the year.

For inquiries and bookings, please contact the Environmental Affairs Division at 098-893-4644.

## Second dose of measles and rubella vaccination


### For children entering elementary school next April

Measles is an extremely dangerous airborne virus that is six times more contagious than influenza. Vaccinations against measles and rubella are highly effective against contraction. A notice in the form of a letter has been sent to all households with children who are eligible to receive the vaccine.

Children born between April 2, 2014 and April 1, 2015 (elementary entrance age) must receive the MR vaccination by March 31, 2021 at designated medical facilities. The MR vaccine is free of charge for children that falls into the above-mentioned age group.

If your child is undergoing long-term medical treatment, or that he/she is unable to receive the vaccination due to unavoidable circumstances, please consult with the Health Consultation Centre (*hoken sodan senta*) at 098-898-5583.

## Other announcements

 Third installment of the fixed asset tax is due on Friday, December 25.

 Ginowan City Museum will be closed from December to mid-March for renovations.

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