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# **COVID-19** Vaccine for Children Aged 5 to 11

Pfizer-BioNTech now approved for use in children

#### Recommendations

It is especially recommended that children with respiratory disease, congenial heart disease and other underlying health conditions get vaccinated as they have a higher risk of developing severe COVID-19 symptoms. We advise that parents consult with their children's primary doctor to discuss the pros and cons of getting vaccinated.

#### Type of vaccine and doses

Vaccine	Doses	Interval	Age group
Pfizer-BioNTech	2 (0.2ml per dose)	3 weeks or above	5 - 11

#### Making an appointment

More information will be released soon. Please check our website or follow our social media accounts for the latest updates.

#### Important notes

- 1. Parental consent is required. Guardian must sign the medical questionnaire and accompany the child to the vaccination centre.
- 2. Please bring your Mother and Child Handbook so that we can confirm your child's vaccination history.
- 3. Please bring the vaccination voucher and a piece of ID.

There are still unvaccinated people in our community. It is important to continue infection prevention measures even after getting vaccinated.





Wash your

a mask hands with soap



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# GINOWAN POPULATION AS OF FEBRUARY

Total population 100,304 (-65)

Foreign nationals I,538 (-2I)

Nationalities 51 (±0)

Total households 46,389 (-6)

# Applying for free preschool and daycare services for April 2022

# onward

In order to receive free preschool and daycare services for April 2022 onward, you must submit an application by March. Any costs incurred before you have submitted an application will have to be borne by you.

#### Who is eligible?

Children who require daycare services due to reasons such as having dualworking parents and who will be using the following facilities or service from April onward:

- 1. Non-licensed facilities
- 2. Temporary childcare programs, childcare for sick children, programs from the family support centre
- 3. Private kindergartens that haven't shifted to the new system
- 4. Certified centres for early childhood education or public and private kindergartens that have shifted to the new system
- \*For infants up to age 2, free daycare is only available to resident tax-exempt households.
- \*For ③ and ④, please submit an application through your school. \*School lunches, field trips, etc., are not covered under this scheme.

# National Pension Special Exemption for Students for FY2022 (Reiwa 4)

## Applications can be made at the Resident Affairs Division

All residents in Japan over 20 years of age, including students, are required to enroll in National Pension and make contributions. A special exemption is available to students whose income falls below the base amount\*. You can apply for an exemption of pension premium payments backdating two years and one month. \*Base amount = 1,280,000 yen + (380,000 yen × number of dependents)

### ■ Who is eligible for this exemption?

Students attending university, junior college, high school, vocational school, and other schools (period of study must exceed one year).

\*Those who do not fulfill the requirement for the Special Exemption for Students can apply for regular exemption.

#### Required documents

- Application form (available at the city office)
- ID (driver's license, My Number Card, etc.)
- Student ID (showing validity) or a certificate of enrollment
- For those experiencing job loss: unemployment insurance certificate or a copy of a separation notice from the employer
- For those whose income decreased as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic: declaration of income form (available at the city office)

#### Application period (for fiscal year 2022)

• Begins on April 1 (Friday)

# ■ If you had been approved for the special exemption for students for FY2021 and will continue to be a student in FY2022

The Japan Pension Service will mail you an application form for FY2022 in the form of a postcard in late March. Simply mail the completed form back to the JPS. However, depending on when you were approved for an exemption last year, you may not be mailed a postcard.