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## **COVID-19 Vaccinations Beginning April 2024**

新型コロナワクチン 令和 6 年 (2024 年) 4 月からの接種について ひろしま市民と市政 3 月 15 日号 (P3)

The free COVID-19 vaccination program ended on March 31, 2024, and from April 2024, you will be charged a fee for COVID-19 vaccines as a rule. Municipalities will offer fee-based COVID-19 vaccines routinely to those aged 65 years and older, as well as those aged 60-64 with underlying conditions, to prevent severe cases of COVID-19. For details, please refer to the official Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare website (Japanese):

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/001182016.pdf



## Fee-based COVID-19 Routine Vaccination Program

- Who is eligible?
  - Those aged 65 years and older, as well as those aged 60-64 with underlying conditions
- How many shots can they receive and when?
  One shot per person, the City is planning to offer vaccines to eligible people in fall or winter.
- Do they have to pay for the vaccine?

Yes, this is fee-based vaccination program.

## Notes:

- If you are younger than 65, you may still receive COVID-19 vaccines as an optional vaccine for which you will be charged a fee. You can receive vaccines at medical facilities offering individual vaccinations. Please confirm with the medical facility where you want to receive your vaccine for details.
- You can no longer use vaccine coupons that you received from municipalities.
- The Hiroshima City COVID-19 Vaccine Call Center (*Hiroshima-shi Shingata Korona-uirusu Wakuchin Sesshu Kōru Sentā*) closed on March 31, 2024. Municipalities have also shut down their online reservation system as well.