

# General Information on Immunizations

No vaccines are compulsory in Japan  
(The prices listed below are examples.)

## 1. Routine Vaccinations given only at Public Health Centers (Free)

- BCG vaccine : given once at 4 months (must be given before the age of 6 months)
- OPV vaccine : given twice after 3 months (must be given before the age of 7.5 years)  
: Only available in Sapporo during May and October

## 2. Routine Vaccinations given at hospitals and clinics of your choice

### (2a) Free only for a certain age

- DPT : given 4 times, between the ages of 3 months and 7.5 years
- MR (Measles and rubella) : given twice: once between the ages of 12 and 23 months and around the age of 6 years (during the year before admission to elementary school)
- Hib vaccine : (Free for Sapporo residents up to 4 years)  
(¥ 7,350/ shot for non-Sapporo residents)
- Given 4 times when started before the age of 6 months. (First three shots given every 4 weeks and the last shot given 1 year after the third shot)
- Given 3 times when started before the age of 12 months old. (First two shots given every 4 weeks and the last shot given 1 year after the second shot)
- Given once when started over the age of 12 months ☆Hib vaccine is only available for children under 5 years
- PCV (Pneumococcal vaccine): (Free for Sapporo residents up to 4 years) (¥ 9,450/ shot for non-Sapporo residents)
- Given 4 times when started before the age of 6 month old. (First three shots given every 4 weeks and the last shot given between the ages of 12 and 15 months)
- Given 3 times when started between 7 and 12 months. (First two shots given every 4 weeks and the last shot given 1 year after the second shot)
- Given twice when started between the ages of 12 and 24 months old. (Two shots given 60days apart)
- Given once when started over the age of 2 years ☆PCV is only available for children under 9 years
- HPV (Human Papilloma Virus Vaccine) : (Free for girls aged 13-16 years who are residents of Sapporo-city)  
(¥ 15,750/ shot for all women over the age of 17 years.)  
Given three times. (Available only for girls/women aged over 10 years)

### (2b) Non-Routine Vaccines:Price

- Mumps vaccine : given once after the age of 1 years . . . . ¥ 5,040
- Chicken Pox vaccine : given once after the age of 1 years . . . ¥ 7,875
- Influenza Vaccine Given yearly before winter approaches  
Twice for children aged between 6 months and 12 years . . . ¥2,100/ shot×2  
Once for children over 13 years . . . . . ¥2,525
- Hepatitis A vaccine . . . ¥5,250/ shot×2  
Give twice. Currently only available for children over 15 years

### (2c) Routine or Non-Routine Vaccination: depending on medical indications

- ◇ Hepatitis B vaccine Given 3 times at least 3 weeks apart
  - (a) Free: for babies born to hepatitis B positive mothers
  - (b) At a price: for anyone who requests it

## 3. Japanese Encephalitis Vaccine (Free)( Only available outside Hokkaido)

Given 3 times [It is not recommended due to the possible serious side effect (ADEM: Acute Disseminated Encephalo-Myelitis).Recently a new vaccination has been approved which is hoped to have less side effects, but this has not being verified.] (\*)

## 4. Vaccines not normally available in Japan. (\*:Some are available only at special hospitals: Please consult

- your pediatrician if you would like more information)
- IPV ( Inactivated Polio Vaccine) (\*) • Rabies Vaccine (\*) • Typhoid Vaccine (\*)
  - MCV (Meningococcal Vaccine) =ACWY (\*)
  - Yellow fever vaccine (available at OTARU Quarantine Station)

## 5. Only available for premature babies (< 36 weeks GA) and for those with chronic lung and/or heart disease.

(Free) Antibodies against RS virus: five times in one season for babies under 6 months born prematurely