

## Regarding HPV Vaccinations



Cervical cancer is primarily caused by infection with the **human papillomavirus (HPV)**. It is said that most women will be infected at least once in their lifetime. Although the virus usually disappears naturally in most people, in some cases it can lead to cancer. HPV vaccination helps prevent cervical cancer by protecting against HPV infection.

### How to Receive the HPV Vaccine

Girls who are of age equivalent to the sixth year of elementary school through the first year of high school are eligible to receive the vaccine free of charge. No vaccination voucher is required.

Please prepare your Maternal and Child Health Handbook and a personal identification document that shows your address, such as a My Number Card, and make a reservation with a medical institution to receive the vaccine. You can check which medical institutions offer the vaccine on the city website.

The number of doses and the intervals between them vary depending on the recipient's age and the type of vaccine. For details, please consult the medical institution where you will receive the vaccination.

### Catch-Up Vaccination Transitional Measure

Eligible individuals can receive the HPV vaccine free of charge until Tuesday 31 March next year.

Eligibility: Individuals who meet both of the following conditions:

1. Women born between Wednesday 2 April 1997 and Tuesday 1 April 2009
2. Received at least one dose of the HPV vaccine between Friday 1 April 2022 and Monday 31 March 2025

### Inquiries

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### More information

- City of Shizuoka Website:  
<https://www.city.shizuoka.lg.jp/s2371/s003366.html>
- Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare Website:  
<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/bunya/kenkou/kekkaku-kansenshou28/index.html>



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