

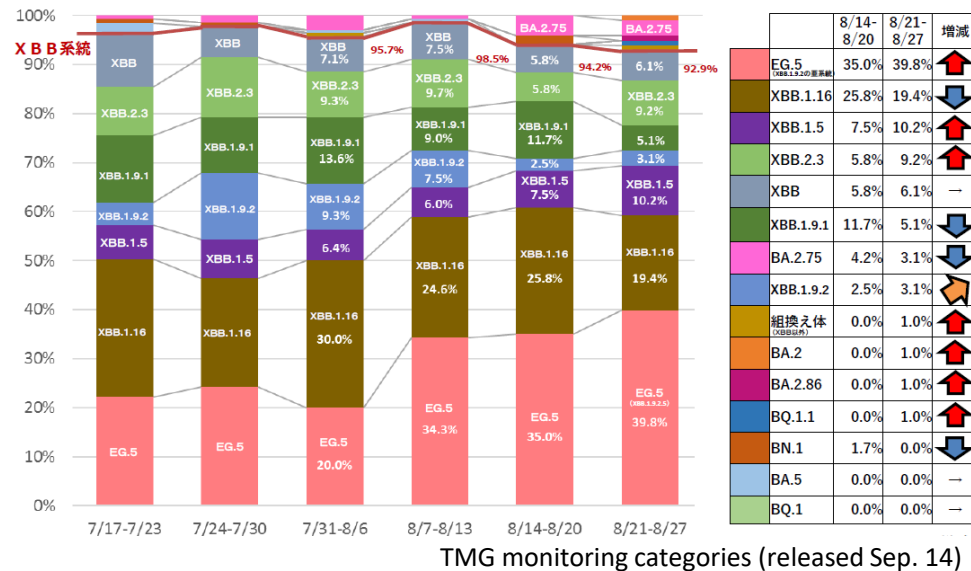
Overview

Vaccinations begin: Wednesday, September 20
Eligibility: **Everyone over 6 months of age** who completed primary vaccination series
Vaccine used: Vaccine targeting omicron **XBB.1.5**
Fee: **free**

Mass vaccination centers in Tokyo

	Eligibility	Dates and times	
Tokyo Metropolitan Government Building North Observatory	Over 12	Wed/Thur/Fri/Sat *Held 9/24(Sun) to 26 (Tues)	11 a.m. to 6 p.m. (Until 8 p.m. on Fri) *First vaccine offered on Fridays
	Child (5 to 12 years)	Sat	2:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.
	Infant (6 months to 4 years)	Sat	1 p.m. to 2 p.m.
Sanraku Hospital	Child (5 to 12 years)	Tues/Fri	3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
	Infant (6 months to 4 years)	Tues / Every second and fourth Friday	1:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
	Drive-through vaccination applicants	Every second and fourth Friday	5 p.m. to 6 p.m.

COVID-19 vaccine New vaccinations starting in autumn: benefits of vaccine targeting XBB



- XBB.1.5 may be declining in Tokyo, but XBB remains the main subvariant (92.9% as of September 14).
- EG.5 is rising in particular.
- ※ **Similar antigen to XBB** (and to EG.5 and XBB.1.5)

Tokyo iCDC expert comments

Masayuki Miyasaka, Guest Professor, Immunology Frontier Research Center, Osaka University

- **A vaccine that targets the XBB subvariant should be very effective**
- **EG.5 is very similar to the currently circulating XBB subvariant, so an XBB-targeting vaccine should work well against that too**
- Booster vaccinations also work to some extent to prevent infection, which should further prevent hospitalization and deaths

Atsuo Hamada, Specially Appointed Professor, Travellers' Medical Center, Tokyo Medical University

- **This XBB-targeting vaccine to be used in the vaccinations beginning in autumn 2023 can be anticipated to work against the currently circulating EG.5 too**
- In addition to those at risk of more severe symptoms, everyone else should also be informed about the benefits of preventing more severe symptoms