

A Guide to the New COVID-19 Booster this winter for Foreigners staying in the Republic of Korea

Please receive this new COVID-19 booster that provides vulnerable individuals with better protection against severe illness and deaths over the winter.

First Eligible Group

Among those aged 18 and older who completed their primary vaccination series,

- ① those with weakened immune systems,
- ② those aged 60 and older,
- ③ residents in nursing homes or care settings and vulnerable facilities.

Dosing Interval

The eligible individuals should have this booster shot **at least 4 months (120 days)** after the last dose of vaccine or confirmation of COVID-19 infection (whichever is later).

Vaccine Type

BA.1 based bivalent vaccine (mRNA vaccine)

※ Note: Those who should not receive and are delaying or refusing to receive mRNA vaccines may be offered Novavax or Skycovione vaccines, which are recombinant COVID-19 vaccines.

Vaccine Appointment

- ① **Registered foreigners:** Online, phone and same-day appointments available
※ Bookings began on September 27.
This booster shot started being administered on October 11 (same-day appointments available).
- ② **Unregistered foreigners:** Make an appointment by calling or visiting a vaccination site with a temporary management number issued from a public health center
- ③ **Foreigners who completed their primary series outside of Korea:** Make an appointment after registering their vaccination record at a public health center

※ Note

- Adults aged 18 and older who completed their primary vaccination series can be offered leftover shots.
- **Online appointment booking website:** <https://ncvr.kdca.go.kr>
- **Phone appointment:** KDCA Call center at ☎1339 or the local government call center
- **Same-day appointment:** Booking online through SNS, incl. KAKAOTALK and NAVER or by calling directly medical facilities