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### 1 Overview of new support in the treatment system

〔Date of implementation〕

Starting from September 26<sup>th</sup> 2022

〔Changes to infection reporting〕

We will be limiting the reporting of infections to the following 4 types of individuals:

• 4 types

- ① Those over 65
- ② Those who need to be admitted to hospital
- ③ Persons at risk of severe illness and in need of COVID-19 specific drugs, or persons at risk of severe illness and in need of oxygen administration due to COVID-19
- ④ Pregnant women

〔Determining the number of infections〕

Continuing to identify all infected persons by age group (including patients not subject to infection reporting)

〔The concept of a treatment system “With Corona” 〕

- For the four categories of persons subject to infection reporting (e.g. the elderly and other persons at risk of serious illness), public health centres will continue to conduct health observations as before.
- The Kyoto Health Follow-up Centre was set up to deal with people who are not subject to the infection reporting system in the event that their symptoms worsen, and to provide support to those who are recuperating at home, including those who are subject to infection reporting.

(Kyoto City: Kyoto City COVID-19 Infected Persons Follow-up Centre)

[Role of the Follow-Up Centre]

- Health consultation
- Reception of overnight treatment
- Delivery of daily life support materials and loaning of pulse oximeter

## **2 New support in the treatment system**

### **【New mechanisms of the treatment system】**

- For those who are eligible to infection reporting, the public health centre provides medical treatment support.
- Carry out your own healthcare if you are not eligible for infection reporting. Via a leaflet provided by medical institutions (to patients at these facilities) you can register at the Follow-up Centre and receive support.
- Those who have self tested can apply for support by registering their test results with the Follow-up Centre.

### **【Support for people recovering at home】**

- Follow-up centres provide support to those recovering at home, both those who are subject to infection reporting and those who are not.  
〔Support details〕
  - Admission to residential care facilities
  - Delivery of daily life support items, lending of pulse oximeters

### **【What to do when symptoms worsen for those recovering at home】**

Establish a system to ensure linkage to medical care institutions in the event of worsening symptoms.

- For those subject to infection reporting, public health centres will continue to conduct health observations as before and, depending on symptoms, coordinate consultations and hospitalisation.
- For those who are not subject to infection reporting, the newly established follow-up centres provide consultation on symptoms and other related matters. The local public health centre coordinates the locations for medical examinations and possible hospitalisations, if necessary.

## People eligible for various types of support during the recovery period

Contents of support	Those who are eligible
<b>Admission to residential care facilities</b>	<p>① Those who are eligible for infection reporting and wish to do so, and for whom the inpatient medical control centre deems it necessary.</p> <p>② Those who are not subject to infection reporting but are deemed necessary to be admitted by the inpatient medical control centre, or those who wish to be admitted as they live together with the elderly, or those with underlying medical conditions, or with pregnant women, etc.</p>
<b>Receiving daily life support goods</b>	<p>① Persons eligible to for infection reporting who wish to do so.</p> <p>② Those who register with the Follow-up Centre and who wish to receive such goods</p> <p>※Note that asymptomatic and symptomatic patients whose symptoms have improved over the last 24 hours and are able to shop for groceries, or have a family member living with them who is able to go out for groceries, are not eligible.</p>
<b>Loaning of pulse oximeters</b>	<p>① Those eligible for infection reporting who wish to receive</p> <p>② Those who register with the Follow-up Centre and wish to receive</p>

### **3 In case of visiting a medical institution in another Prefecture**

#### **Residents of Kyoto Prefecture who have visited a medical institution in another Prefecture.**

- Information on persons subject to infection reporting is transferred from other prefectures to the Kyoto Prefectural (Kyoto City) public health centre, as in the past.
- If you are not eligible for infection reporting, contact the follow-up centre in Kyoto Prefecture (Kyoto City) on your own.

<Follow-up Centre contact information>

Kyoto Prefecture: 075 -708- 2439    Kyoto City: 050- 3614- 9575

#### **Residents from outside Kyoto Prefecture who have visited a medical institution in Kyoto Prefecture.**

- For those eligible for infection reporting, information is transferred from the Kyoto Prefectural (Kyoto City) public health centre to the public health centre with jurisdiction over the area where the person in question lives.
- Those who are not eligible for infection reporting should contact the follow-up centre in the area where they are located on their own (contact information for each prefecture is available on the MHLW website).

### **4 Issuing of medical treatment certificates**

Leaflets distributed by medical care providers and SMS notifications sent by follow-up centres are used instead of treatment certificates.

#### **(Reference) Handling of reports on the number of positive cases.**

Those eligible for infection reporting

- Submit infection reports to public health centres from medical institutions as before.

Those not eligible for infection reporting

- From now on, instead of submitting an infection report, medical institutions and follow-up centres will report the total number by age on HER-SYS (or by fax to the health centre).

# Promotion of vaccinations

## Beginning of Omicron vaccinations

### 1 Those eligible for Omicron (bivalent) vaccine

- All persons aged 12 years and over who have completed their first vaccination (in the prefecture: approximately 1.99 million).

① From 21<sup>st</sup> September onwards, vaccinations will be administered to elderly people who have not yet been vaccinated for the fourth time and are at high risk of serious illness. (in the prefecture: approx. 290,000 people).

② From mid-October onwards\*, vaccinations will be extended to all eligible persons (in the prefecture: approx. 1.7 million). In each municipality, general vaccinations can be started earlier when vaccination of those in (1) are expected to be completed.

### 2 Vaccine used

- Pfizer (bivalent) or Moderna (bivalent) compatible with both Omicron and conventional strains)

	初回接種の対象者 (1・2回目)	3回目以降の対象者		接種場所
		12～17歳	18歳以上	
ファイザー (2価)	× (使用不可)	○	○	市町村接種会場、医療機関
モデルナ (2価)	× (使用不可)	× (使用不可)	○	京都府接種会場等

- The government will supply vaccines for about 650,000 people by early October.

(Supplying will begin in the week of the 19<sup>th</sup> September and will be sufficient to cover the entire target population by the end of the year).

	Pfizer	Moderna	Total
September	Approx. 400,000 people	Approx. 40,000 people	Approx. 440,000 people
Early October	Approx. 150,000 people	Approx. 60,000 people	Approx. 210,000 people
Total	Approx. 550,000 people	Approx. 100,000 people	Approx. 650,000 people

- Pfizer (approx. 85%), has the largest supply and is allocated to municipalities. Moderna is used mainly at Prefectural vaccination centres.

# Promotion of vaccinations

## 3 Promotion of vaccinations

### (1) Support for municipal immunisation systems

Dispatch of medical personnel to municipalities where there is a shortage of vaccination staff.

### (2) Vaccination at Kyoto vaccination centres

- Vaccination with Omicron strain targeting vaccinations to accelerate the speed of vaccination (using Moderna).

会 場	開 始 日
京都タワー会場	9月26日(月)
京都田辺中央病院会場	10月1日(土)
綾部ルネス病院会場	10月5日(水)

⇒ **Omicron strain-targeted vaccines are available from 26<sup>th</sup> September (Mon). Reservations accepted from today (21<sup>st</sup> Sep).**

Eligible persons: Those who are eligible for their fourth vaccination and have not yet been received it. \*For those other than the above who have completed their first vaccination, reservation acceptance will start from October onwards.

## **Ensuring opportunities for initial vaccinations (1st and 2<sup>nd</sup> vaccinations)**

Those who have not completed their first vaccination need to be vaccinated with conventional vaccines used to date, in order to be eligible

(Municipalities)

Continue to conduct initial vaccinations at medical institutions, etc.

(Kyoto Prefecture)

In addition to the Kyoto Tower venue, new venues at Ayabe Renesse Hospital and Kyoto Tanabe Central Hospital have been established, helping to expand the opportunities for vaccinations.