



Gyeongsangnam-do Student Infectious Disease Prevention Newsletter



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Protect Against HPV, Now Vaccination Available for Both Girls and Boys

Human papillomavirus (HPV) can lead to cervical cancer as well as genital warts, anal cancer, and oropharyngeal cancer. Vaccinating both boys and girls provides greater protection against HPV infection.

Eligible Recipients

- Current Eligibility - Female teenagers aged 12~17
- Low-income women aged 18~26

+ Newly Added, 12-year-old male teenagers (born in 2014)
Free vaccination available starting May 6, 2026



Vaccination Information

- Number of Doses : Ages 12~14 : 2 doses, Ages 15~26 : 3 doses
- Vaccination Locations : Nearby designated medical institutions and public health centers.



Visit the Immunization
Helper website
(<https://nip.kdca.go.kr>)

Search for
Designated Medical
Institutions

Stay Protected from Japanese Encephalitis Mosquitoes While Enjoying Outdoor Activities



The first Japanese encephalitis mosquito of the year in Gyeongnam Province was detected in Jinju City.



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Jeju (Mar. 20, 2026)

First Confirmed Case in
Gyeongnam

Jinju (Apr. 27, 2026)

Source: Gyeongsangnam-do Institute of Health & Environment Press
Release (May 4, 2026)

What is Japanese Encephalitis?

Japanese encephalitis is a mosquito-borne infectious disease caused by the Japanese encephalitis virus.

Symptoms

Most infected people have no symptoms or only mild illness. In rare cases, however, the disease can develop into encephalitis, so prevention is very important.



No symptoms



Fever & headache



high fever
seizures
and paralysis

Encephalitis

Mosquito Bite Prevention Tips



1

Wear light-colored long-sleeved clothing during outdoor activities



3

Avoid using strong perfumes or heavily scented cosmetics



5

Remove standing water around your home



2

Use mosquito repellent



4

Repair window screens and use mosquito nets



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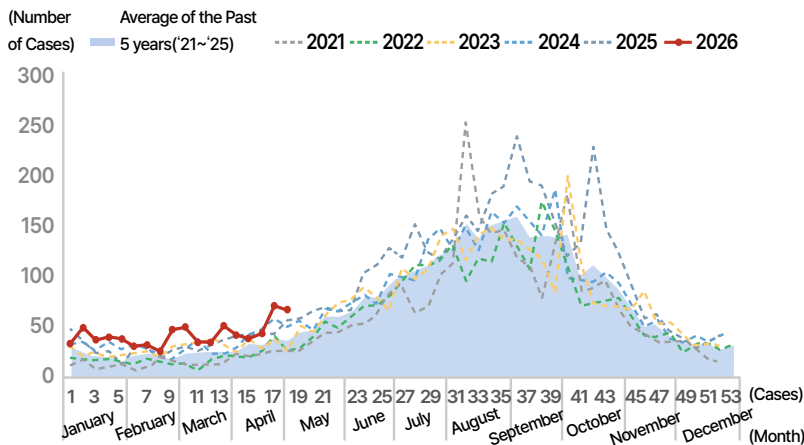
Avoid outdoor activities at night (from sunset to sunrise)

Check the Japanese Encephalitis Vaccination Schedule

Vaccine Type	Number of Doses	12~23 Months	24~35 Months	6 Years Old	12 Years Old
Inactivated Vaccine	Total 5 doses	1 st ~2 nd dose (primary series)	(Booster) 1 st	(Booster) 2 nd	(Booster) 3 rd
Live Vaccine	Total 2 doses	1 st dose (primary series)	2 nd dose (primary series)	-	-

* Interchangeability between live vaccines and inactivated vaccines is not recognized.

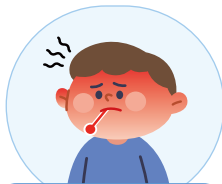
Protect Yourself from Salmonella Infections During Summer



Number of Reported Salmonella Infection Cases (2021-2026)

Source : Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (2026), Infectious Disease Weekly Report, Week 18, 2026 Infectious Disease Surveillance Newsletter

Common Symptoms



Fever and headache



vomiting



abdominal pain and diarrhea

Salmonella Infection

Salmonella infection is a bacterial infectious disease caused by Salmonella bacteria.



Incubation Period

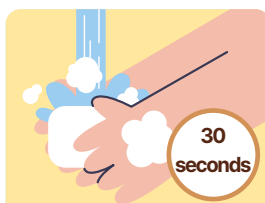
6~72 hours (up to 10 days)



How It Spreads

- Contaminated food and water
- Raw or undercooked eggs, meat, and processed foods,
- contact with infected animals or contaminated surroundings.

Waterborne and Foodborne Disease Prevention Tips



Wash your hands with soap under running water for at least 30 seconds



Cook food thoroughly before eating



Boil water before drinking



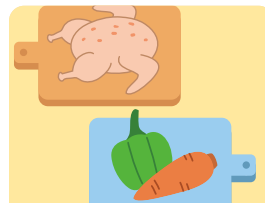
Wash vegetables and fruits thoroughly with clean water or peel them before eating



Do not prepare or cook food if you have diarrhea symptoms



Practice hygienic food preparation



Use separate cutting boards for fish, meat, and vegetables



Visit a hospital promptly if you experience diarrhea or vomiting symptoms