



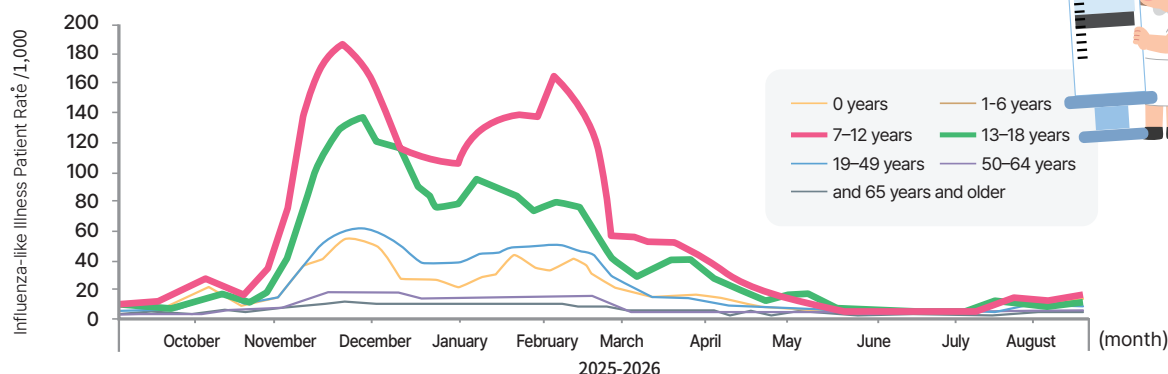
Gyeongsangnam-do Student Infectious Disease Prevention Newsletter



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Let's Prevent Respiratory Infections This Fall Semester

When is influenza most common?



Influenza cases increase mainly during the winter and spring school semesters, particularly among school-aged children and adolescents (ages 7-18). Before the flu season begins (October-November)



Source: Adapted from the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (KDCA), Infectious Disease Sample Surveillance Weekly Newsletter, Week 34 (27 August 2026)

Influenza Vaccination Expanded to Age 14 Starting This Year!

Free vaccination available through
2nd year of middle school
(Children born between 1 January 2012 and 31 August 2026)



When should my child get vaccinated?



Vaccination Eligibility	Vaccination Period
2-Dose Vaccination Eligibility	21 September 2026 (Mon) – 30 April 2027
1-Dose Vaccination Eligibility	21 September 2026 (Mon) – 30 April 2027

※ Children under age 9 who have never received an influenza vaccine or have received only one dose in the past require 2 doses

Where can I get vaccinated?



Nearby designated medical institutions and public health centers

Influenza Vaccination Information
(<https://nip.kdca.go.kr>)



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Who Is Most Affected by Whooping Cough?



More than 8 out of 10 whooping cough patients are school-aged children and adolescents!

Unlike in the past, recent cases of whooping cough have occurred mainly among school-aged children and adolescents (ages 7–18).

School-aged children and adolescents (ages 7–18): **84.6%** (44,534 cases)

Elementary school students (ages 7–12)



44.3%
(23,320 cases)

Middle and high school students (ages 13–18):



40.3%
(21,214 cases)

Source: Adapted from the Korea Disease Control and Prevention Agency (2025), Trends and Epidemiological Characteristics of Pertussis in Korea (2024–First Half of 2025), Public Health Weekly Report, 18(43), 1631–1651.

Can I Go to School If I Still Have a Cough After Being Diagnosed with Whooping Cough?

Students may return to school after completing 5 days of appropriate antibiotic treatment.

(Afterward, consult a healthcare provider to determine whether the student is ready to return to school.)

Transmission Route

Respiratory droplets and secretions

Main Symptoms

1. Early Stage: Similar to a common cold (highly contagious)



Runny nose



watery eyes



mild cough

2. Paroxysmal Stage: Repeated episodes of severe coughing



Sudden, severe coughing fits



Vomiting



Apnea

3. Recovery Stage: Cough may persist for several weeks



Cough gradually decreases

Vaccination

An additional Tdap vaccination is recommended at ages 11–12.

5 Key Prevention Tips for Respiratory Infections



Practice proper cough etiquette



Wash your hands properly and regularly



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands



Ventilate indoor spaces frequently



If you have a fever or respiratory symptoms, visit a healthcare provider and receive appropriate medical care