

How to Prevent the Spread of Influenza

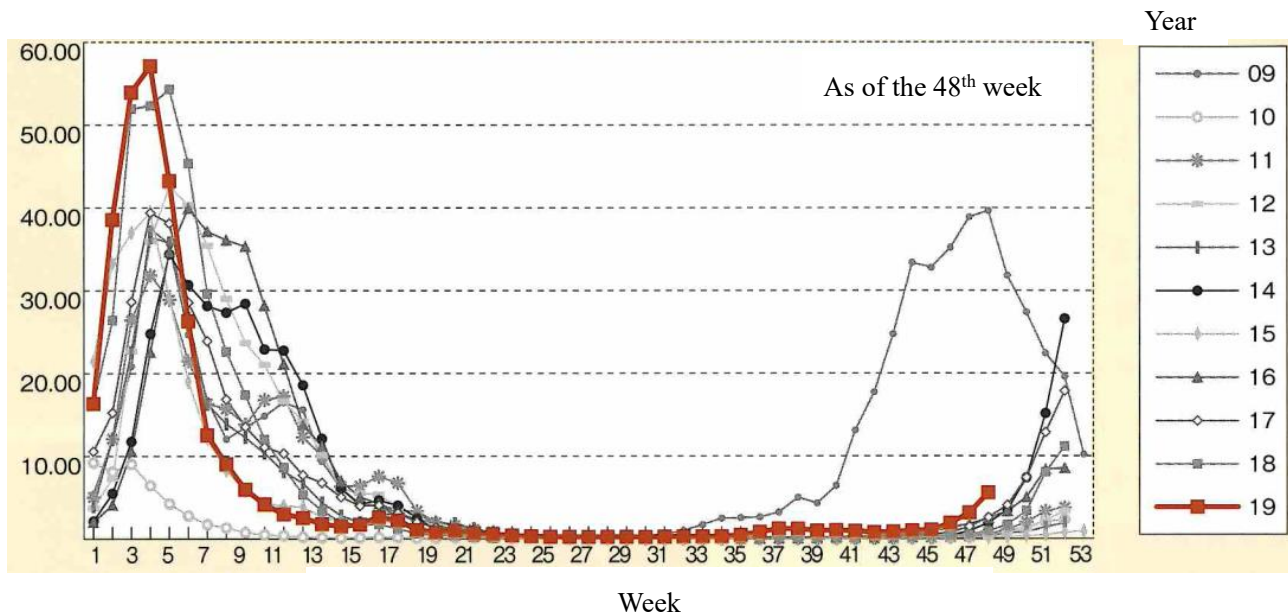
Seasonal influenza is a familiar and life-threatening infection especially during winter.

In this winter’s comprehensive preventive measures against seasonal influenza implemented by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, in addition to “vaccination” and “practicing cough etiquette” senior flu prevention in long-term care facilities is cited as an especially important measure. Similarly, as for school children who spend most of their time in a group, class or school closure for a certain period of suspension of school attendance is stipulated in the School Health and Safety Act. Thus, both child flu prevention and senior flu prevention are considered to be an important measure.

A Winter Flu Season Begins Earlier than Usual

According to the National Epidemiological Surveillance of Infectious Diseases published by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare, the latest flu season has gotten early fall start than usual across Japan as the average number of patients per medical institution recorded 1.03 during the 45th week of this year (from November 4 to November 11), exceeding a benchmark of 1.0.

Number of patients per medical institution



This Winter’s Comprehensive Preventive Measures Against Seasonal Influenza

Japanese Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare announced this winter’s comprehensive measures against seasonal influenza and emphasized the following three measures. Like last year preventive measures such as vaccination, cough etiquette to prevent the spread of infection and prevention of outbreak of group infection are considered to be an important measure.

1) Practicing “cough etiquette”

2) Receiving vaccination

The most effect of vaccination is that it makes the illness milder if one does get sick.

3) Senior flu prevention in long-term care facilities

What you should do if you have flu symptoms?

Although preventing influenza should be the top priority, if a person close to you becomes sick, it is important to “keep from giving his/her flu to others” (preventing the spread of infection).

Especially in the long-term care facilities where elderly people live in a group, once a member of them becomes sick, it is important to immediately take a step to prevent the further spread of infection. In preparation for such situation, Hi-Luck “Utsusanzo” respirator should be used to prevent the spread of influenza.



Hi-Luck “Utsusanzo” respirator for patient use only

WORKO! FES 2019

“WORKO” FES 2019”- A project to try to solve various problems young mom and dad who are working and raising children are facing was held on November 3, 2019-Culture Day Holiday. “WORKO” is a term that has been created by combining “work” and “kosodate (child raising in Japanese).”

Can your mask protect the health of your family in case of need?

Under the theme of “Can your mask protect the health of your family in case of need?” we held an experience event to perform a mask fit testing in order to achieve prevention of influenza infection or spread of infection.

The event was so popular that a large number of mom and dad in their child-rearing years with their kids filled a large venue. Each exhibit booth showed very lively in providing interactive exhibits from start to finish.

We held an easy-to-follow panel exhibition to explain how a common infection like an influenza is transmitted and let those customers who want to experience perform a mask fit testing.

Among these customers there were many pregnant and breastfeeding women and families with a student for taking an entrance examination as a family member who wear a mask on a routine basis. Immediately after the opening of the booth, there was a long line of customers who want to experience and they performed a fit testing measurement.

To prove that a mask is really helpful in “cutting the chain of infection,” which is one of the conditions on which an infection is established, in other words, how it really exerts an anticipated effect, we think it important to measure the leak rate of a mask. Many customers who experienced a fit testing were surprised to find the leak rate, saying, **“This figure of 100.0% means that the mask is actually leaking and only wearing a mask is not sufficient!”**



WORKO! Sponsored by Asahi Shimbun newspaper at the Tokyo International Forum in Yurakucho, Tokyo
Children experiencing a fit testing with wearing a Hi-Luck Neo (Kakaranzo Kids) respirator for children aged from 5 to 12 years old.



Many families are waiting in line to experience a mask fit testing.

Note: We obtained the permission from those customers who experienced a mask fit testing to take and publish photos in our company magazine.