

# [***FACT CHECK: No, Japan Has Not Banned COVID Vaccines; There is no evidence to support the claim***](https://advance.lexis.com/api/document?collection=news&id=urn:contentItem:6BPX-BFY1-JBFB-H01B-00000-00&context=1516831)

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A post [*shared on Facebook*](https://www.facebook.com/ziv.keselman/posts/10161149450824776) claims Japan has purportedly banned COVID-19 vaccines.

**Verdict: False**

There is no evidence to support the claim. Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare has not issued a statement indicating the vaccine has been banned.

**Fact Check:**

Following the end of its free vaccination program, Japan has announced it will “discard unused coronavirus vaccines,” according to [*NHK World Japan*](https://www3.nhk.or.jp/nhkworld/en/news/20240401_24/). Japan announced its free vaccination program would end in March 2024 back in September 2023, the [*Japan Times*](https://www.japantimes.co.jp/news/2023/09/09/japan/science-health/japan-free-covid-vaccinations-end-march/) reported.

The Facebook post claims Japan has purportedly banned COVID-19 vaccines. “JAPAN BANS mRNA INJECTIONS,” the post's caption reads. “Today Japan has banned the 'safe & effective' Covid Vaccines and urges other nations to do the same following a severe rise in excess deaths. The truth about what's been done to humanity continues to flow - they can't stop it,” it continues.

The post includes a screenshot of an article from the website, Prepare for Change.net, which reiterates the claim that the vaccine has supposedly been banned in Japan due to “soaring deaths.” Besides Facebook, the claim [*circulated on X*](https://twitter.com/JimFergusonUK/status/1772587852733288843), the social media platform previously known as Twitter, where it garnered over four million views.

The claim is false, however. Although the [*Mar. 24 article*](https://prepareforchange.net/2024/03/24/japan-bans-covid-shots-over-soaring-sudden-deaths/) published on Prepare for Change.net claims Japan has purportedly banned the vaccines, it does not provide any evidence to support that claim. Likewise, Check Your Fact did not find [*any credible news reports*](https://www.google.com/search?sca_esv=c0e14f80e7366f47&sca_upv=1&q=japan+bans+covid+shots+over+soaring+sudden+deaths&tbm=nws&source=lnms&prmd=nvisbmtz&sa=X&ved=2ahUKEwiG5_qMxaaFAxUwM1kFHTdTD5EQ0pQJegQIDRAB&biw=1680&bih=877&dpr=2) to support the claim. In fact, the opposite is true. [*Reuters*](https://www.reuters.com/fact-check/japan-is-not-banning-covid-vaccines-contrary-online-claims-2024-03-29/), [*Logically Facts*](https://www.logicallyfacts.com/en/fact-check/false-no-japan-has-not-banned-covid-19-mrna-vaccines), and [*Full Fact*](https://fullfact.org/health/Japan-not-banned-Covid-vaccine/) all labeled the claim that Japan had purportedly banned COVID-19 vaccines as false. [***(RELATED: No, The Baltimore Bridge Was Not Featured In Netflix Film Made By Obamas)***](https://checkyourfact.com/2024/04/03/fact-check-baltimore-bridge-netflix-obamas/)

Additionally, the claim is neither referenced on the [*website*](https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/houdou/houdou_list_202403.html) of Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare nor its associated [*social*](https://www.facebook.com/profile/100064602075129/search?q=Today%20Japan%20has%20banned%20the%20%E2%80%9Csafe%20%26%20effective%E2%80%9D%20Covid%20Vaccines%20and%20urges%20other%20nations%20to%20do%20the%20same%20following%20a%20severe%20rise%20in%20excess%20deaths.&filters=eyJycF9jcmVhdGlvbl90aW1lOjAiOiJ7XCJuYW1lXCI6XCJjcmVhdGlvbl90aW1lXCIsXCJhcmdzXCI6XCJ7XFxcInN0YXJ0X3llYXJcXFwiOlxcXCIyMDI0XFxcIixcXFwic3RhcnRfbW9udGhcXFwiOlxcXCIyMDI0LTFcXFwiLFxcXCJlbmRfeWVhclxcXCI6XFxcIjIwMjRcXFwiLFxcXCJlbmRfbW9udGhcXFwiOlxcXCIyMDI0LTEyXFxcIixcXFwic3RhcnRfZGF5XFxcIjpcXFwiMjAyNC0xLTFcXFwiLFxcXCJlbmRfZGF5XFxcIjpcXFwiMjAyNC0xMi0zMVxcXCJ9XCJ9IiwicnBfY2hyb25vX3NvcnQ6MCI6IntcIm5hbWVcIjpcImNocm9ub3NvcnRcIixcImFyZ3NcIjpcIlwifSJ9) [*media*](https://twitter.com/search?lang=en&q=%22Today%20Japan%20has%20banned%20the%20%E2%80%9Csafe%20%26%20effective%E2%80%9D%20Covid%20Vaccines%20and%20urges%20other%20nations%20to%20do%20the%20same%20following%20a%20severe%20rise%20in%20excess%20deaths.%22%20(from%3AMHLWitter)%20lang%3Aen&src=typed_query) [*accounts*](https://www.instagram.com/mhlw.japan/?hl=en).

Check Your Fact has contacted Japan's Ministry of Health, Labour, and Welfare for comment and will update this piece accordingly if one is received.

**Graphic**

CHICAGO, ILLINOIS - SEPTEMBER 09: A resident receives a pneumonia vaccine during an event hosted by the Chicago Department of Public Health at the Southwest Senior Center on September 09, 2022 in Chicago, Illinois. The vaccines were being offered along with influenza vaccines and the recently authorized COVID-19 booster vaccine, which protects against the original SARS-CoV-2 virus and the more recent omicron variants, BA.4 and BA.5 during the event. (Photo by Scott Olson/Getty Images)

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