

April 28, 2021

ATTENTION ALL

The COVID-19 vaccination process has started nationwide. Firstly, for healthcare workers and from April onwards for the elderly. We sent the vaccine notification for mass vaccinations which are scheduled to begin on May 12 to residents who are over 65 years old by post on April 14. However, there were some residents who could not apply for any of the vaccinations scheduled in the month of May. The vaccine application registration was completed when they received the notification. Unfortunately, this was caused by circumstances of the postal delivery service. I would like to sincerely apologize to those residents for causing any inconvenience.

At this time the vaccine supply from the national government is limited and the information given to us is yet to be determined. Therefore, we are making day to day, trial-and-error-based arrangements by considering the information received from the national and prefectural governments. We will make a further announcement of June and onward vaccination schedules as soon as we receive the supply plan from the national government on the town's website, e-mail delivery and public relation magazine.

We are also making arrangements for individual vaccinations by a primary doctor which will be available after June when the supply of vaccines has become stabilized.

I am sure many of you are worried about COVID-19 and there are many things that have been restricted in our daily lives, but we are hopeful that the Town of Karuizawa will change for the better to process the vaccination in a safe and reliable way for everyone to feel reassured. We appreciate your continued patience.

The image shows a handwritten signature in black ink. The characters are written in a cursive style and read from left to right as '藤巻進' (Fujimaki Susumu).

Susumu Fujimaki, Mayor
Town of Karuizawa