ALWAYS BE PREPARED AGAINST CORONAVIRUS INFECTION

While we see various information including suspicious informations on the internet, the City requests you to take proper actions based on accurate information provided by the Ministry, Saitama Prefecture or Iruma City. To prevent infections of COVID-19, practicing good coughing etiquette and proper hygiene such as washing of hands after being exposed in the public.

When you feel anxious if you may have a symptom of coronavirus induced disease, contact:
- Weekdays, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.: Sayama Hokenjo (04-2934-6212)
- Weekends, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.: Saitama Prefecture, Hoken Iryo Seisaku-ka (048-830-3557)
- At night: Kyukyu Denwa Sodan (Emergency consultation hotline) #7119

To prevent the spread of Infection:
- Refrain from going to work or school if you have symptoms such as a fever or cold.
- Record your body temperature every day if you have a fever.
- After going outside, wash your hands and gargle.
- Disinfect your hands using an alcohol-based disinfectant.
- Avoid visiting crowded areas.
- Keep rooms humid and well ventilated.
- Practice proper “Coughing Etiquette”: If you have symptoms of coughing or sneezing, wear a mask.

If you don’t have a mask, when you sneeze or cough, do so into a tissue or the crook of your elbow.

Inquiries: Chiiki Hoken-ka (Section for Community Health) 04-2966-5513

CITY OFFICE PARTIALLY OPENS ON SATURDAYS MARCH 28 & APRIL 5
FOR REPORTS RELATED TO CHANGE OF RESIDENCE

Because most Japanese schools and companies start their new year on April 1st, the City Office receives many notifications and applications around this time. For your convenience, the City Office will provide a limited range of services on March 28 and April 5 between 8:30 a.m. and 5:15 p.m.

Do not take a day off for your paperwork, but use these opportunities. Note that the official documents to be submitted to the Immigration Office expire three months from the date of issuance. SERVICES AVAILABLE:
- Shimin-ka (Section for Citizens): notification of change of address (move-in and move-out), seal (ikan) registration, issuance of resident certificate (juminhyo) and permanent family register (koeki), receipt of a new passport.
- Kokuho Iryo-ka (Section for Health Insurance & Medical Service): application for membership and withdrawal from the National Health Insurance.
- Kodomo Shien-ka (Section for Child Support): application for Child Allowance and Child Medical Subsidy Program
- Gakko Kyoku-ku-ka (Section for School Education): procedures for changing schools
- Shuzei-ka (Section for Tax Collection): Payment of city taxes and consultation on tax payments (e.g. extension of time for payment)

Regular Shimin-ka Opening on Saturday on March 14 from 8:30 a.m. till noon.

ONE-MONTH DEADLINE EXTENSION FOR TAX RETURN UNTIL APRIL 16

To prevent the spread of coronavirus, the deadline for final tax returns was extended to April 16 (Thu). You can do this filing procedure at the City Office from Monday to Friday until April 16. Bring your Gensen Choshu-Hyo, and other supporting documents such as documents relating to dependents, a certificate of health insurance/life insurance premium payment, and so on. If you have gone through the year-end adjustment (nennatsu chosei) procedures by your company, you do not have to worry about the final tax return, except when you have any deductible expenses not reported to the company such as a large amount of medical expenses and housing loan.

Without Income Report, You Cannot Get Tax Documents for Visa Extension

For “medium-to-long-term” visa holders, kazei-shomeisho (certificate of taxation) and nozei-shomeisho (certificate of tax payment) are necessary every time of extension. These documents are issued by the city office of your residence as of January 1 of the previous year, as long as you (through final tax return filing) or your employer (though tax withholding and year-end adjustment) has reported your income to the taxation office. So, if your employer did not report your income for some reason, for example, you quit the job in the middle of year, or you had two jobs at the same time, you need to file the final tax return by yourself.

HOLIDAY MEDICAL SERVICES

If you or a family member becomes sick or injured on these days, visit a hospital on the list. Healthcare covered by health insurance is provided from 9:00 a.m. to noon and 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. Please make a call before visiting. These services are basically for patients who do not need to be hospitalized.

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Kyukyu Denwa Sodan (Emergency consultation hotline) is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year: Push #7119 or Dial 048-824-4199. Nurses give advice on whether to seek hospital care for sudden illnesses or injuries.
SEIBU LINE TIMETABLE CHANGE ON MARCH 14

The timetable for each station on Seibu Ikebukuro and Shinjuku Lines will change on March 14 (Sat). All the limited express train between Ikebukuro and Chibibi will use new “Laview” cars. There are many minor changes in timetable, too. One more semi express will run from Ikebukuro to Hanno on weekday night around 11:00 p.m. Connection at Kotesashi station from local trains from Hanno to F-Liner trains leaving Kotesashi for Yokohama will be improved. Inquiries: Customer Center of Seibu Railway 04-2996-2888

HUGE ‘PLARAIL’ TOY DIORAMA AT CITY MUSEUM
March 14 (Sat) to April 5 (Sun) between 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at City Museum ALIT. This huge toy diorama represents various landscapes in Japan. Best for your kids during their spring vacation. Admission is free for elementary students and younger and 400 yen for adults. The Museum is closed on March 16, 23, 24 and 30. Inquiries: City Museum ALIT 04-2934-7711

DOG REGISTRATION & VACCINATION
In Japan, the law requires that all dogs 91 days and older are registered and get an annual receive rabies shot between April and June. The City will offer vaccinations between April 4 and May 16 at a number of different locations throughout the City, and mail a notice to owners of registered dogs. Applications for new registration (valid for the life of the dog) will be accepted at these sites and costs 3,000 yen. Shots are 3,500 yen. You can also get your dog receive a shot (the price for shot may vary) and receive a certificate of vaccination (550 yen) at designated animal hospitals in the city. Inquiries: Kankyo-ka (Section for the Environment) 04-2962-1125

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EVENTS THIS MONTH
Due to the outbreak of COVID-19, basically all the events scheduled in this month will be cancelled. Please contact each section in charge for details.

KENKO FUKUSHI CENTER FESTIVAL
March 8 (Sun) at 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

DRAMA FIESTA IN IRUMA
March 28 and 29 at Shinmin Kaikan Hall

The Iruma Drama Fiesta, Iruma’s unique annual cultural event, will feature many kinds of theater arts such as plays, musicals and puppet shows. This year, under the theme of “MEET THE WORLD,” more than a dozen of amateur and professional groups will perform a puppet show, a pantomime, musical, etc. at the Shinmin Kaikan Hall and adjacent Chuo Kominkan. You can enjoy these performances and workshops with your family for free or with a small fee. There are also related professional amateur theatrical performance on March 7, 14, 21 and 28 at 2:00 p.m. on sale at the Shimin Kaikan Hall. Tickets are now on sale for 3,500 yen for adults. (+500 yen at the door).

More Events for Spring Vacation

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