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#### SAITAMA TIGHTENED RULES ON ALCOHOL AND EVENTS

Last April 24, Saitama Prefecture Government announced more strict measures to prevent the spread of COVID-19 infection. Iruma City is not one of the targeted priority area, but still a voluntary ban is in place. This includes requests to restaurants to shorten their hours to 9:00 p.m. and refrain from serving alcohol all day long (except solo and family customers). The period of this special measures is up to May 11, but subject to extension.

Inquiries: Saitama Kinkyu Jitai Sochi (Measures against Emergency Situation) Center 2 048-830-8141

Appointments start on

May 10 (Mon) at 8:30 a.m. by phone and

on City's website

Vaccinations start on

May 19 (Wed)

at designated medical

facilities

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### IRUMA SENT COVID-19 VACCINATION COUPONS **TO 80 YEARS OLD AND OVER**

新型コロナウイルスワクチン接種 クーポン券 新型コロナウイルスワクチンを受けられます。

Your coupon looks like this!

Schedule for other age groups to be decided:

On April 26 (Mon), the City of Iruma sent coupons for COVID-19 vaccination to all the residents who are eighty years old and over. Vaccination for them will start on May 19 (Wed). With the coupon, you can receive vaccinations for free of charge. Schedule for other elderly residents (65 to 79 years old) will be decided depending on the volume of supply, but the next batch is expected to be offered to those who are 70 to 79 years old.

Appointment by phone or through website

Those who have received the coupon can make appointments (for both 1st and 2nd doses) on May 10 (Mon) and after by calling the Call Center (see below) or accessing the city's website (http://www.city.iruma.saitama.jp/shisei/bousai/1010191/1012463/1012464.html). You can choose (1) Individual Vaccination at one of designated medical facilities in the city or (2) Group Vaccination at one of special sites in late May and after. See the list of vaccination sites sent with the coupon.

Iruma New Coronavirus Vaccination Call Center: \$\infty\$0570-012894 Monday to Saturday, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.

Vaccination will start on May 19 (Wed). Bring your coupon, completed questionnaire and ID (resident card, passport, etc.). Translations of the Pre-vaccination Screening Questionnaire into 17 languages are available on the website of Ministry of Health (https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/vaccine\_tagengo.html).

For foreign residents, it is advisable to follow the Facebook page of the Iruma International Friendship Society (https://www.facebook.com/isociety2012/), in which you can find the latest information. The Information Desk for Foreign Residents are more than happy to help you making an appointment and filling out the questionnaire. Stay safe!

Inquiries: Chiiki Hoken-ka (Section for Community Health) 204-2966-5556

#### FOREIGN RESIDENTS INFECTED MORE THAN JAPANESE?!

According to the data of COVID-19 PCR test results, about 20% of positive cases in Iruma were foreign residents, while they amount to only 1.57% of the city's population. There is no clear explanation of the reason for this unproportionally higher incidence, but you may need to mind precautions more seriously.

Follow the three basic protective measures, i) physical distancing, ii) wearing a mask, iii) washing hands. In addition, the City has asked its residents to refrain from having social gatherings, either indoors or outdoors, that involve cosuming alcohol or speaking/singing in a group. Thank you for your understanding. Inquiries: Kiki Kanri-ka (Section for Crisis Management)

#### 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.

	Name of hospital	Specialized in	Address	Tel.		Name of hospital	Specialized in	Address	Tel.
May	Kobayashi Byoin	Internal medicine	Miyadera 2417	04-2934-5121	May	Iruma Heart Byoin	Internal medicine	Koyata 1258-1	04-2934-5050
9	Harada Byoin	Internal & Surg.	Toyooka 1-13-3	04-2962-1251	23	Toyooka Daiichi Byoin Surgery.		Kurosu 1369-3	04-2964-6311
16	Seibu Iruma Byoin	Internal	Noda 3078-13	04-2932-1121	30	Kaneko Byoin	Internal medicine	Araku 680	04-2962-2204
	Toyooka Seikei Geka Byoin Surgery		Toyoka1-7-16	04-2962-8256	30	Harada Byoin	Internal & Surg.	Toyooka 1-13-3	04-2962-1251

Kyukyu Denwa Sodan (emergency consultation hotline) is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year: Push #7119 or Dial 048-824-4199. As for children, Shoni Kyukyu Denwa (pediatrics hotline): Push #8000 or Dial 048-833-7911. Nurses give advice on whether to seek hospital care for sudden illnesses or injuries.

# The events referred in here are scheduled as of April 25, and

#### could be cancelled

due to the uncertain situation of COVID-19 pandemic. Please contact each section in charge for updates.

## DOG RABIES GROUP VACCINATION & REGISTRATION

In Japan, the law requires that all dogs 91 days and older are registered and receive an annual rabies shot between April and June. On May 15 (Sat) from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the Shimin Kaikan Hall parking space, the City offers a

group vaccination and registration. The fee for new registration is 3,000 yen; shots are 3,500 yen. **Inquiries**: Kankyuo-ka (Section for Environment)

#### **ADMISSION FREE TO CITY MUSEUM ON MAY 18**

Celebrating the International Day of Museum, Iruma City Museum ALIT will open its doors for free admission on May 18 (Tue) Inquiries: City Museum ALIT 28 04-2934-7711

## Shimin-ka Opening on Saturdays: May 8 & 22, 8:30 a.m. to noon

Registration and certification regarding of moving-in/moving-out, juminhyo, koseki and registered seals; reports of family register-related events (birth, death, marriage, divorce and other)

#### This Month's Tax Payment (Due Date: June 1)

◆Property and City Planning Tax (固定資産税/都市計画税 kotei shisan & toshi keikaku zei)

◆Light Car Tax (軽自動車税 kei jidosha zei)

## Get the latest news in Iruma from FIBI on FM CHAPPY 77.7 MHz

Every Tuesday 7:00-7:30 p.m. in English with DJ Andi

1st & 3rd Tuesday 7:30 to 7:55 in Spanish with DJ Patty 2nd & 4th Tuesday 7:30 to 7:55 in Chinese with DJ Yinglan

### **EVENT THIS MONTH**

#### PLAY THE GRAND PIANO ON THE STAGE

Play the grand piano by yourself on the stage of the Sangyo Bunka Center. You can book the piano for 50 minutes on May 16 (Sun) and 22 (Sat), June 5 (Sat) and 23 (Wed), July 11 (Sun) and 31 (Sat). Fee is 1,000 yen a time. Apply now by calling to the Shimin Kaikan Kanri Jimusho. Elementary and junior high school students need to be accompanied by their parents. **Inquiries**: Shimin Kaikan Kanri Jimusho (Shimin Hall Management Office) 204-2964-2411

#### JAZZ RECORD LISTENING WITH HIGH-END AUDIO SYSTEM

May 23 (Sun) from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Ishikawa-gumi Western-style Mansion in Kurosu. Listen attentively to the jazz performance. You can enter and exit freely. No admission is necessary. **Inquiries:** City Museum ALIT ☎04-2934-7711

#### FIRST-TIME PLANETARIUM

May 21 (Fri) from 11:00 a.m. at the Jido (Children) Center. Planetarium show for preschool children and their parents. Admission is 100 yen. Make registration by calling the center. Number is limited to the first 30. **Inquiries**: Jido (Children) Center ☎04-2963-9611

#### JAPANESE ARCHERY CLASSES FOR CHILDREN

Eight classes on Thursdays and Saturdays from May 13 to June 5 from 7:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Budokan (martial art gym) in Kurosu. You can learn basic skills of Kyudo, Japanese archery. Fee is 1,700 yen including insurance. 5th grade to junior high school students can apply. Numbers are limited to the first 8. Apply at the Budokan with the fee by May 10 (Mon). Inquiries: Mr. Arakawa 204-2962-0296

#### JAPANESE ARCHERY CLASSES FOR ADULTS

Six Saturdays from June 19 to July 24 from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Budokan. Fee is 1,500 yen including insurance. Citizens older than 15 years of age can apply. Numbers are limited to the first 10. Apply at the Budokan with the fee by June 12 (Sat). Inquiries: Mr. Kubo 204-2962-9093

#### **NATURE OBSERVATION FOR ADULTS: SNAILS**

### **Information Desk for Foreign Residents**

Located on the second floor of the City Office. **English: Every Tuesday and 2**nd **and 4**th **Friday (by appointment only)**Spanish: Every Wednesday, Chinese: May 6 and June 3 (First Thursday of the month) **All from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** Consultations by fax (04-2964-1720) or by e-mail (isociety@m.ictv.ne.jp) are welcome.

### **ADDRESS CHANGE**

#### **AROUND MUSASHI FUJISAWA STATION**



Due to the completion of the land readjustment project, the address around the Musashi Fujisawa Station will be changed as of May 1, 2021. Use of "chome" is introduced to indicate each area in "Shimo Fujisawa."

New address will be notified to all the residents in the area, by postal mail after May 6. The postal code of "358-0011" will not change.

Inquiries: Kukaku Seiri-ka (Section for Land Readjustment)

## CITIZENS' CLEANING DAY ON JUNE 6

On June 6 (Sun) people all over the City will clean up their neighborhoods. Participate together with the members of Jichikai (community association).

Cleaning starts at 8:00 a.m. In the case of rain, Cleaning Day will be postponed until Sunday, June 13. Please wear a mask and maintain social distancing to prevent infection.

Inquiries: Sogo (General) Clearn Center