



WHEN SHOULD WE EVACUATE? JUDGE BASED ON THE RISK LEVEL

Starting in late May 2026, the names and systems of disaster prevention weather information (heavy rain warnings, advisories, etc.) issued by the Japan Meteorological Agency will be significantly changed to more intuitively convey the risk of disaster. Information regarding river flooding (*Kasen Hanran* 河川氾濫), heavy rain (*ooame* 大雨), landslides (*dosha saigai* 土砂災害), and storm surges (*takashio* 高潮) has previously been difficult to understand due to its complex correspondence with the alert levels. However, with this improvement, the information will now correspond to the five levels of evacuation warnings, making it easier to make evacuation decisions.



For example, the previous “Heavy rain warning” will now be renamed “**Level 3 Heavy Rain Warning**” with the level number and red color. If a Level 3 (red) or Level 4 (purple) warning is issued, check evacuation routes on hazard maps, avoid dangerous areas, and evacuate promptly, referring to information from sources such as Kikikuru and river water level information.

Alert	In Japanese	Meaning in English	What to do
Level 5	<i>Tokubetsu Keiho</i> 特別警報	Emergency Warning	Disasters may already be occurring. Take utmost measures to save your life!
Level 4	<i>Kiken Keiho</i> 危険警報	Urgent Warning	A disaster could happen at any time. All family members should start evacuating immediately .
Level 3	<i>Keiho</i> 警報	Warning	The elderly and anyone who needs time to evacuate are required to evacuate.
Level 2	<i>Chuiho</i> 注意報	Advisory	Check evacuation procedures, using a hazard map.
Level 1	<i>Soki Chuijoho</i> 早期注意情報	Early Advisory	Stay on alert towards a possible disaster.

Inquiries: Kiki Kanri-ka (Section for Risk Management)

Iruma’s Japanese Language Classes

SATURDAY CLASS AT SANGYO BUNKA CENTER:

The classes are held on Saturdays from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at the Sangyo Bunka Center. Participants are grouped according to their fluency. The Sangyo Bunka Center is a 15-minute walk from Iruma-shi Station. ➤ Schedule until September: May 9, 16 and 23; June 6, 13 and 20; July 4; September 5, 12 and 26.

WEDNESDAY CLASS AT SEIBU BRANCH LIBRARY:

Classes will also be offered on Wednesday mornings from 10:00 a.m. to noon at the Seibu Branch Library in Bushi. Cultural events such as a cooking class will be scheduled. The Seibu Branch Library is a 5-minute walk from Bushi Station. ➤ Schedule until September: May 13, 20 and 27; June 3, 10, 17 and 24; July 1 and 8; September 2, 9, 16 and 30.

For both classes, the tuition fee is **1,500 yen for the first half of the year** (up to the end of September). **Child-care services** are available for Saturday classes for the duration of classes (Prior registration is necessary). Applications are accepted at the Chiiki Shiko-ka in the City Office. Observations are welcome.

Inquiries: The Information Desk for Foreign Residents ☎04-2964-1111 ext. 2146 and 2147 <https://irumako.net/foreign-residents/japanese-language-classes/>

CITIZENS CLEANING DAY ON JUNE 7 at 8 a.m.

On June 7 (Sun) people all over the City will clean up their neighborhoods, in preparation for the rainy season. Participate together with the members of Jichikai (community association) in your area. Good chance to get to know each other. Cleaning starts at 8:00 a.m. In the



case of rain, Cleaning Day will be postponed until Sunday, June 14.
Inquiries: Sogo (General) Clean Center

SUNDAY & 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.

Date	Internal Medicine			Surgery		
	Name of hospital	Address	Tel.	Name of hospital	Address	Tel.
May 3	Iruma Heart Byoin	Koyata 1258-1	04-2934-5050	Toyooka Seikei Geka Byoin	Toyooka 1-7-16	04-2962-8256
4	Kaneko Byoin	Araku 680	04-2962-2204	Toyooka Daiichi Byoin	Kurosu 1369-3	04-2964-6311
5	Kobayashi Byoin	Miyadera 2417	04-2934-5121	Harada Byoin	Toyooka 1-13-3	04-2962-1251
6	Seibu Iruma Byoin	Noda 3078-13	04-2932-1121	Toyooka Seikei Geka Byoin	Toyooka 1-7-16	04-2962-8256
10	Iruma Heart Byoin	Koyata 1258-1	04-2934-5050	Toyooka Daiichi Byoin	Kurosu 1369-3	04-2964-6311
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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. 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.

MEASLES CASES ARE INCREASING!



Since January of this year, several cases have occurred within the jurisdiction of the Sayama Public Health Center (Iruma and Sayama cities) where measles patients may have come into contact with an unspecified number of people, resulting in a higher-than-usual number of reported cases.

Measles is highly contagious and spreads through contact, droplet, and airborne transmission. Almost 100% of people without immunity will develop the disease if infected, and the main symptoms include **fever, a rash all over the body**, as well as **cough, runny nose, and red eyes**. If you experience symptoms suggestive of measles, such as fever or rash, seek medical attention immediately.

When visiting a medical institution, be sure to contact the institution in advance (tell them you have measles-like symptoms), wear a mask, and avoid using public transportation to prevent spreading the infection to others.

The most effective way to prevent measles is through vaccination. If you have not yet received your routine measles vaccination (Phase 1: 1 year old, Phase 2: 1 year before elementary school), please consult your doctor and get vaccinated as soon as possible.

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

RENOVATION STARTS AT CITY HALL BUILDING “C” THIS MONTH

As part of the new government building development project, renovation work on Building C will begin this month. During the renovation, in addition to noise and vibration, the toilets on the west side of Building C (from next month) and the staircase on the east side (from August and on) will be closed. We appreciate your understanding and cooperation. **Inquiries:** Kokyo Shisetsu Management Suishin-ka (Section for Public Facility Management)

Shimin-ka Opening on Saturdays:

May 9 & 23, 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)

EVENT THIS MONTH

HUGE ‘PLARAIL’ TOY DIORAMA @ CITY MUSEUM

May 1 (Fri) to 10 (Sun) between 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at City Museum ALIT. A train artist Petazo will set up a huge diorama of railways of the whole Japan with Plarail® toy. Admission is 100 yen for elementary students and younger and 500 yen for junior high school students or over. With additional 100 yen, you can make a paper building by yourself and put within the diorama. The Museum is closed on May 7. **Inquiries:** City Museum ALIT ☎04-2934-7711



JIDO (CHILDREN) CENTER FESTIVAL

May 5 (National Holiday) from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. at Jido (Children) Center. Lots of events for children, including model trains driving, a walk rally, free planetarium and much more! No registration is necessary. **Inquiries:** Jido Center ☎04-2963-9611

NATURE OBSERVATION WALK @ Sayama Hills

May 17 (Sun) at 9:00 a.m. at the parking lot of Midori-no-mori Museum (Miyadera 889-1). Observe birds, insects or plants in wetlands in Sayama Hills. Fee is free. No prior application is necessary. **Inquiries:** Nogyo Shinko-ka (Section for Agricultural Promotion)

TEA CEREMONY FOR “DAY OF TEA” @City Museum ALIT



June 7 (Sun) at 11:00 a.m., 1:20 to 2:40 p.m. (three ceremonies) at the tea pavilion of City Museum ALIT. Macha tea served with Japanese sweets in an authentic atmosphere. The fee is 1,000 yen. Numbers are limited to 20 for each ceremony. **Inquiries:** City Museum ALIT ☎04-2934-7711

HIGH SCHOOL ENTRANCE GUIDANCE

For Non-Native Japanese Speaking Students and Their Parents

July 18 (Sat) in Tokorozawa

Check up the June issue of COM+COM for details.



Happy Mother's Day!

MARK FY2026 CITY TAX DEADLINES ON YOUR CALENDAR

Month	May	June	July	August	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan. 2027	Feb.
Due Date	June 1	June 30	July 31	Aug. 31	Sept. 30	Nov. 2	Nov. 30	Dec. 25	Feb. 1	Mar.1
City & Prefectural resident tax 市民税		1st P		2nd P		3rd P			4th P	
Property tax & city planning tax 固定資産税・都市計画税	1st P		2nd P					3rd P		4th P
Light car tax 軽自動車税	P									
National health insurance tax 国民健康保険税			1st P	2nd P	3rd P	4th P	5th P	6th P	7th P	8th P
Kaigo insurance tax 介護保険税										

**P” in the table represents “payment.”

Information Desk for Foreign Residents

Located on the second floor of the City Office. **English: Every Tuesday and 2nd and 4th Friday (by appointment only)** Spanish: Every Wednesday. **All from 9:00 a.m. to noon.** Consultations by fax (04-2964-1720), by e-mail (i-society@city.iruma.lg.jp), or by LINE video talk (needs to make friends with International Friendship Society first) are welcome.

**Consultation & Information Service in 13 Languages by Saitama Prefecture:
Saitama Information & Support (SIS) ☎048-833-3296**