



This is an English publication of Shizuoka City life and event information. Information is from the City newsletter "SHIZUOKA KIBUN" & other City publications. Nonresidents should check for residency requirements. At least basic Japanese speaking ability is needed for participation in most of the events listed here. Multilingual interpretation is available when calling divisions of the City of Shizuoka.



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### This Month:

Applications for Childcare Facilities

Regarding Costless Use of Childcare Facilities

Let's Use Emergency **Medical Services** Effectively

**Disaster Prevention** Special Feature



### **Payment Deadlines**

Mon 26 September: Sewerage Works Beneficiary Dues (gesuido jigyo juekisha futankin) Term 2

**Nursing Care Insurance** (kaigo hokenryo) Term 3

Fri 30 September: Medical Insurance for Elderly People Over 75 (koki koreisha iryo hokenryo) Term 2

**National Health Insurance** (kokumin kenko hokenryo) Term 4

**National Pension Insurance** (kokumin nenkin hokenryo) August portion

# **Covid-19 Vaccinations Underway**



Vaccination Call Center: 0120-113-394 Hours: Every day 8:30-20:30

(Interpretation available)

Reservation Website Login Page:

https://vaccines.sciseed.jp/shizuoka-city-vaccine/login Select Language from Top Right Corner)



\*Scan the QR Code on the back of the Shizuoka Jin to see the City's multilingual Covid-19 Information page.

The city is currently in a very unpredictable situation regarding the spread of Covid-19. Please actively consider being vaccinated as soon as possible.

Vaccination Categories		<b>Details</b>
1 <sup>st</sup> , 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> shots	Those 12+	See the City Website, the Vaccination Reservation Site, or call the Covid-19 Vaccination Call Center.
4 <sup>th</sup> shots	①Those 60+ ②Those 18-59 (with underlying conditions, etc.) ③Those working in medical facilities, old -age homes, disability support facilities, etc.	Persons in ①,②, and ③ are eligible for a $4^{th}$ shot of the vaccine once 5 months have passed since their $3^{rd}$ shot. As the city does not have information on everyone's underlying conditions, vaccination tickets are being sent out to all residents over the age of 18 in order of when you received your $3^{rd}$ shot. Please check whether you are eligible for a $4^{th}$ shot. *Enclosed with your vaccination tickets will be information regarding the "RakuTaku" system (available until 30 Sept).

\*Please do not lose your vaccination tickets as they are necessary to receive vaccinations. Details regarding vaccinations and reservation instructions are included in the envelope with your vaccination tickets.

\*This information is accurate as at 8 August 2022.

#### Advice from the City:

There is increased spread of Covid-19 among young people, who have a lower vaccination rate. We recommend making a reservation as soon as you receive your ticket. Analysis done within the city makes it clear that vaccination is effective at preventing Covid-19 infection, as well as the development of severe symptoms.



Please Keep Up Covid-19 Countermeasures During the Summer Heat.

To avoid heatstroke during the summer months, it's okay to take your mask off outside when not needed. See the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare's website

for more information. In order to overcome the spread of Covid-19, we ask for your cooperation with appropriate use of medical facilities. Scan the QR Code to see an explanatory video (in Japanese).



Everyone knows Utagawa Hiroshige's series of woodblock prints, "The Fifty-Three Stations of the Tokaido", but did you know that another artist created a

series by the same name? In this exhibition we display Hiroshige's famous series alongside the one made by Utagawa Kunisada, as well as their combined work, "The Fifty-Three Stations by Two Brushes". Discover the artists' relationship as you compare their works.

When: Tues 13 Sept-Sun 13 Nov (Head straight to the venue on the day)

Where: Shizuoka City Tokaido Hiroshige Museum of Art (Yui, Shimizu-ku 2054-375-

4454)

How much: ¥520 for adults (free for people of 70+ living in Shizuoka City), ¥310 for HS and university students, ¥130 for ES and JHS students (free on presentation of a child card)



Don't wait, vaccinate!



# Lifestyle / Service News

For Entry from April 2023

## **Applications for Childcare Facilities**

Guidelines for applicants will be distributed at childcare facilities. For more information, see these guidelines, or the city website



In order to enroll your child in an accredited childcare facility, it is necessary to apply for authorization based on their age and need for childcare services. (This is separate to applying to the facility itself)

Type of Authorization	Applicable age	Type and length of childcare service	Available facilities
Type 1		+-4 hours (standard education time)	Accredited Kodomo En
Type 2	Over 3yrs old	Standard-length childcare (up to 11 hours) or short-term childcare (up to 8 hours)	Accredited Kodomo En and Hoikujo
Type 3	Under 3yrs old		Accredited Kodomo En, Hoikujo, small-scale childcare facilities, etc.

<sup>\*</sup>In order to receive Type 2 or 3 authorizations, you need to fulfil the criteria regarding reasons for needing childcare services.

Reasons for needing childcare services: If, due to any of the reasons below, one of the child's parents or guardians is unable to look after them during the day, they will be able to receive type 2 or 3 authorization and make use of the relevant facilities. 1. Working over 60 hours per month (including full-time work, part-time work, working from home, and basically any other type of work), ; 2. Pregnancy and/or childbirth; 3. Parent has an illness or disability; 4. Providing nursing care for a family member (either living together or hospitalized long-term, etc.); 5. Recovery after a natural disaster; 6. Job searching (including starting a business); 7. Studying (including vocational training schools, etc.); 8. Abuse/domestic violence prevention

#### Childcare for Children with Disabilities or Medical Needs

Within the boundaries of what is possible, both municipal and private childcare facilities accept children over the age of 3 with disabilities or developmental issues for whom group childcare is possible (they can make up to about 15% of Type 1 children, and about 10% of Type 2 children of each age group in municipal facilities). In addition, municipal childcare facilities accept children with medical needs for whom group childcare is possible. Please consult your first-choice facility and apply by Friday 7 October for children with medical needs (Types 1, 2, and 3) and children with disabilities, etc. (Type 1), and by Friday 14 October for children with disabilities, etc. (Type 2). Please consult private childcare facilities directly as soon as possible.

## Parenting Plazas (Kosodate Hiroba)

Private kindergartens (yochien) run casual events called Parenting Plazas for babies, toddlers and their parents. They're great places to get parenting advice and make friends, so why not come on down (it's free). Please contact your yochien of choice directly for more information.

#### **Toddler Parenting Advice**

Face-to-face Consultations: Wed, 10:00-14:00

Over-the-phone Consultations: Mon, Wed, Fri, 10:00-15:00

\*Not available on 12 and 15 August 2022, 28 December 2022-4

January 2023, and 29-31 March 2023.

Inquiries: Federation of Shizuoka Municipal Yochien (Secretariat in Shizuoka Toyoda Yochien **2**054-281-0666)



## **Regarding Costless Use of Childcare Facilities**

Application is required when seeking costless use for the first time. For more information, please see the city website.



#### Yochien, Hoikusho, Certified Kodomo En, etc.

Use from ages 3-5 is free of charge.

Use from ages 0-2 is free of charge for households exempt from resident tax.

\*For yochien, up to ¥25,700 per month is waived.

# Unauthorized Childcare Facilities, etc. (When the Parent Has Received Approval of Need for Childcare)

Up to ¥37,000 per month is waived for use from ages 3-5.
Up to ¥42,000 per month is waived for use from ages 0-2 by households exempt from resident tax.

# Preschool Development Support for Children with Disabilities

Temporary Child-minding at Yochien and Certified Kodomo En

Up to ¥16,300 per month is waived for use by children of households

(When the Parent Has Received Approval of Need for Childcare)

Up to ¥11,300 per month is waived for use from ages 3-5.

exempt from resident tax who have turned 3.

Use from ages 3-5 is free of charge.

### Inquiries:

Costless Use in General: Preschool Support Division ☎054-354-2626

Development Support for Children with Disabilities (Inpatient): Children's Guidance Center **☎**054-275-2874 Development Support for Children with Disabilities (Outpatient): Disability Support Promotion Division **☎**054-221-1098





## **Let's Use Emergency Medical Services Effectively**

Inquiries: Health, Hygiene & Medical Care Division 2 054-221-1332

For the peace of mind of our residents, the City of Shizuoka has medical facilities in place in case of sudden illnesses or injury, corresponding to the level of severity. Please make use of these facilities if you're suddenly struck by illness or injury on a holiday or during the night.

### How do I find doctors or hospitals on duty for the day?

- Certain morning newspapers
- Shizuoka Prefectural Emergency Medical Service Information Center **2**0800-222-1199 (24-hour automated response)
- The "Medical Net Shizuoka" website 3.

What about sudden illness in children? -247-9910

From 18:00 on weekdays, 13:00 on Saturdays, and 8:00 on Sundays, public holidays, and the year-end/ new-year holiday period. \*All until 8:00 the next morning

Nurses and pediatricians will give you advice. Please call before using emergency medical services.

City Sudden Illness Center (Yunoki, Aoi-ku 2054-261-111)

Facility providing emergency treatment to those struck by sudden illness at

**Hours:** 19:00-22:00 (all year round)

Fields: Internal medicine, pediatrics, surgery

Emergency Dental Center (Joto-cho, Aoi-ku 2054-249-1199) Facility dealing with mouth-related trouble during holidays

Days: Sundays, public holidays, and the year-end/new-year holiday period

Hours: 9:00-15:30

# 9 September is Emergency Response Day: Please Use Ambulances Appropriately

Inquiries: Ambulance Division 2054-280-0199

Last year the city sent out ambulances 31,782 times. On average, that's 87 times a day, or roughly once every 17 minutes. Numbers are rising across Japan. Last year about half of the people carried by ambulances had mild symptoms that did not require hospitalization. Requests from people who are not in emergency situations are thought to be one of the cause of the recent increase in ambulances being sent out. Ambulances and emergency medical services are limited commodities. Please use ambulances appropriately so that they can get to the people that need them, when they need them, as quickly as possible.

## **Disaster Prevention Special Feature**

Inquiries: Risk Management Center **☎**054-221-1241

1 September is Disaster Prevention Day. To be able to act calmly during a disaster it is important to confirm what needs to be done and what the foreseeable

damages are in advance. Make a habit of discussing it with your family, and preparing for the unthinkable.



Check the risks around you, and your nearest evacuation site.

What are the foreseeable disaster risks in the area where you live? Use the city's disaster prevention information map and find out.

#### Hot to Get Disaster Prevention Information

In a disaster, information is vital. The city uses things like email and social media to bring you this information. Please confirm how to get disaster prevention information below, so that you know what's happening around you.

- Disaster Prevention Email Service: Register by sending a blank email, and we'll email you emergency information, etc. (English information available)
- Wireless Broadcast and Phone Guidance Service: We broadcast "disaster prevention information" regarding things like earthquakes, tsunami, heavy rain, and flooding over speakers across the city. You can confirm the contents of the announcements with the Phone Guidance Service (20180-99-5656; service fees apply) or on the city website. \*Phone Guidance Service may not be available depending on the type of phone you have (e.g. IP phones, etc.). Please consult the city call center (2054-200-4894).







City LINE Account

The city's official LINE account: Local emergency information can be accessed by tapping "Shizuoka City Disaster Prevention Information" from the top page (Japanese).

### Nankai Trough Earthquake Special Information

Nankai Trough Earthquakes are earthquakes that occur along the Nankai Trough. They have occurred repeatedly in the past. Nankai Trough Earthquake Special Information is released by the Japan Meteorological Agency when the magnitude at the assumed epicenter of a Nankai Trough Earthquake and it's surroundings is 6.8 or higher, etc. or when the likelihood of an earthquake occurring is estimated to be comparatively high. After the information is released, the likelihood of a related megathrust earthquake will be assessed. If the likelihood is found to be high, preparations for a megathrust earthquake and a megatsunami become necessary. The city urges those living in areas affected by tsunamis who require time to evacuate, to evacuate one week in advance.



#### Let's Install Seismic Breakers!

The city subsidizes the installation of seismic breakers that turn off the electricity automatically when an earthquake is detected in order to prevent electric fires. Consult the Risk Management Center ☎054-221-1248 for more information.

# City Offices Directory

## If you don't know the number of a particular office, call the Information Desk (daihyō bangō)

Aoi Ward Office					
5-1 Ote-machi, Aoi-ku					
011 1 11/ 10/61					

054-354-2111

054-254-2115

**City Hall Shizuoka Office** 5-1 Ote-machi, Aoi-ku

Shimizu Ward Office 6-8 Asahi-cho, Shimizu-ku  City Hall Shimizu Office 6-8 Asahi-cho, Shimizu-ku
 Shimizu Ward Office

054-354-2111

Suruga Ward Office

10-40 Minami Yahata-cho, Suruga-ku

054-202-5811 • Kambara Branch 1-21-1 Kambara-shinden. 054-385-3111

Shimizu-ku

## **Useful Services and Information**















COVID-19 Information

English
Information Page

Shizuoka City Association for Multicultural Exchange

Multilingual Consultation Service Shizuoka City

## Online Guide to Administrative Procedures (English)

**Aoi Ward** 



Aoi Ward's Character: Aoi-kun

葵区PR キャラクター あおいくん

Suruga Ward



Suruga Ward's Character: Torobe



駿河区 応援隊長

Shimizu Ward







清水区広報キャラクター シズラ ①清水区

## Offices & Associations Dealing Specifically with Foreign Nationals' Needs & Issues

Shiruska City Association for	Shizuoka Office	Shimizu Office
Shizuoka City Association for Multicultural Exchange (SAME)	City Hall - Shizuoka Office ,17F 054-273-5931	City Hall - Shimizu Office, 2F 054-354-2009
Nagoya Regional Immigration Services	Fukuichi Temma-cho Bldg., 6F; 9-4 Temma-cho, Aoi-ku	
Bureau-Shizuoka Branch Office	054-653-5571	

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