

Oyama City COVID-19 Corona virus prevention measures (English)

May 11th 2020

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1 Due to the Covid-19 situation, as of May the 4th, Prime Minister Abe has called for an extension for the state of emergency. The state of emergency will currently end on the 31st of May. Due to these conditions, residents are urged to refrain from travelling out of the prefecture as to not spread the virus. On top of this residents are asked to adopt new lifestyle changes to protect yourselves and your family.

This includes:

Keeping buildings, cars and other areas well ventilated.

Wearing masks as much as possible especially around other people.

As soon as you return to your home, wash your hands and face thoroughly with soap. Change your clothes and shower.

Practice social distancing by keeping at least 2 metres apart from others around you.

As much as possible, refrain from going to work by teleworking and taking meetings by video chat rather than in person.

We thank you for your effort and cooperation during these difficult times.

2 To help foreigners during the state of emergency, Tochigi has made a hotline available to foreign residents. If you are worried about infection, please call the corona virus hotline at: 028-678-8282. Once again, the corona virus hotline number is 028-678-8282. This hotline is available 24 hours a day and can provide assistance for 19 languages.

3 As Tochigi and Oyama have remained considerably safe from the corona virus infections, Tochigi will be relaxing closures rules for businesses. However as we live close to Tokyo, Saitama and Chiba, we expect an influx of visitors may come to our cities to do things like pachinko. During the state of emergency, Tochigi is asking that pachinko's should remain closed. However if they are to remain open, hygiene practices of these stores will be checked.

4 Regarding Oyama's school closures. As of May the 6th, it has been decided that schools may open as soon as May the 15th, Friday this week. Schools are set to open in intervals until they fully open starting in June. Due to school closures, the summer holidays will be shortened. Summer holidays will be from August the 1st, Saturday to August the 16th, Sunday. This is assuming that schools will be able to fully open from June. Please check with your school website about their situation.

5 The Japanese government have agreed to handout a package for each individual. The amount is a special fixed handout of 100,000 yen.

Firstly, who can receive this package? The people who can apply must have been registered in the Basic citizen registration System since the 27th of April. Also you must have lived in Japan and hold a residence card (在留カード) for longer than 3 months. Foreigners that are in Japan on a short term stay are not eligible to receive this handout.

As of the 30th of April, Oyama city has sent out pink colored envelopes to the head of each resident's household. Hopefully you have received this by now. Inside this envelope you will receive a cream colored and white piece of paper with your name written at the top along with a blue envelope and 2 other pieces of paper with information regarding this handout in Japanese.

If you would like to follow along we can help guide you to fill out this application form by mail. Firstly, the head of your household should fill this form out. However if they are unable to so another adult may do so in their place. Looking at the cream colored sheet section 1, you should already have your home address, name in furigana and birthdate written for you. In the first open box, please write your own name, and next to your name stamp your hanko. Next to this, please write your contact phone number that you use during the day. This payment will be made to this person's bank account.

Next, in section 2, please confirm the members of your household's information. For each person, if you wish to receive this handout you should check the box on the left next to their details. If you wish not to receive this payment, check the box on the right.

Under section 3 you must confirm the bank account details of the account that you would like the money to be transferred to. The owner of this account should be the person applying.

On the white page with your name written at the top, in the first box you must paste at least one of your identification. For foreigners this could be either your My number card, residence card or driver's license.

In the second box, you must past a copy of details for your bank account, such as a cash card or a bank book. With this completed you may send your application via the blue envelope and send this in together.

For further consultation regarding this application, please call Oyama city's special payment helpline at 22-9817. The number for the special payment helpline is 22-9817. Otherwise you can look on Oyama City's webpage for help in several languages as well.

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