

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

June 8th 2020

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1 Due to the current Covid-19 situation, Prime Minister Abe has announced of an early closure of the state of emergency around Japan. However, due to an ongoing risk of infection, residents are urged to refrain from travelling out of the prefecture. Tokyo has announced an alarm after a small increase in cases this past week. Along with 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 meters 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 foreign residents 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 Starting from June 1st, through to June 18th Thursday, Oyama is implementing limitations on travel to several key prefectures. Oyama city asks residents to refrain from travelling to the following prefectures: Tokyo, Chiba, Saitama, Kanagawa and Hokkaido. Travel to these areas should be delayed unless it is absolutely essential.

Business' that group people together indoors open, such as pachinkos and gymnasiums for sports and recreation are opening in Oyama. Limitations and recommendations for these businesses may continue to be in effect. Limitations to the number of people

allowed into these businesses may remain in effect. Also customers may be asked to wash their hands thoroughly and wear masks. Businesses will also be asked to keep these indoor areas well ventilated at all times to allow clean air quality. With these rules in place we hope to help prevent the spread of any virus' that may be going around.

4 PCR testing

Oyama regional Association of Medicine has announced the opening for a drive thru PCR testing service for Covid-19 as of May 26th. Entrusted by the prefecture, Oyama city and other cities, this drive thru service is available for residents to be tested. Bookings can be made through your personal physician. PCR testing will be available under these circumstances by appointment made by your personal doctor.

5 Regarding Oyama's schools.

From June 1st, schools have started classes and club activities have begun. For many students it is the first time in months that they have been able to move freely and since it is summer, many students have been out sweating after physical activity. To keep the safety of students and their families, schools are implementing new school life measures. As schools have been closed down for such a long time, the summer holidays in July and August will be shortened. Currently, summer holidays will be from August the 1st, Saturday to August the 16th, Sunday. According to the situation, this is subject to change. You can keep up to date on your school's websites as well.

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

To be able to apply for this handout, you 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.

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 and 2 boxes, the first box requires 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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オーラジ will continue to provide announcements in several languages to update international residents from Monday to Friday at 12 midday and 5:30pm. English on Mondays, Chinese on Tuesdays, Portuguese on Wednesdays, Spanish on Thursdays and Vietnamese on Fridays.

Thank you for listening.