



Renewal of Welfare Medical Expense Subsidies

In Koka City, subsidies are given to people with disabilities and single-parent families to help relieve economic burdens of medical expenses. If you are receiving this subsidy, a status update form will be sent to you.

Please fill out the required form and send it back **by mail**.



Mailing Period: Late June (date that the form arrives) to July 5th (Thr)

Target: Those who currently have a Welfare Medical Expense Subsidy Ticket (Fukushi Iryohi Jukyuu Ken) that expires on July 31st. For more details about requirements, please visit the city homepage or contact us below.

※If you think you qualify for the subsidy, please contact us below.

How to Apply: Fill out and return the status update form in the enclosed return envelope.

Due Date: Thursday, July 5th

Other: If you are worried about mailing the form, you can hand the form in person at the following locations/times:

Times: July 3rd (Tue) to July 6th (Fri), 8:30AM to 5:15PM

Locations: Hoken Nenkin Ka at city hall or any of the following Chiiki Shimin Centers: Tsuchiyama, Koka-Ohara, Konan Daiichi, or Shigaraki.

Inquiries:	Hoken Nenkin Ka	TEL 0748-69-2142	FAX 0748-63-4618
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If your medical expenses will be too high, apply for the Medical Expense Limit Certificate

When you submit a Medical Expense Limit Certificate (Gendogaku Tekiyo Ninteisho) in advance to a medical facility, your out-of-pocket medical payments at that facility will not exceed a certain amount per month. If you need a certificate, please apply using the process below.

※You may not be able to receive the certificate if your health insurance tax is unpaid.

Where to Apply: Hoken Nenkin Ka at city hall or any of the following Chiiki Shimin Centers: Tsuchiyama, Koka-Ohara, Konan Daiichi, or Shigaraki.

What to Bring: Health insurance card, personal seal (inkan), Taxation Certificate/Kazei Shomeisho (for those who did not have a Koka City address on January 1st, 2018)

If you already have a certificate: The certificate is valid until July 31st. If you need to renew your certificate, please apply AFTER August 1st.

System Changes from August

Until now, people between the ages of 70 and 74 needed a Standard Medical Reduction Application only if they were in households exempted from residence tax. However, starting in August, those who make the same amount of money as standard workers (and pay 30% copay at medical facilities) will also have to get a Medical Expense Limit Application (Gendogaku Tekiyo Ninteisho) if they are Level 2 earners (taxable income of 3,800,000 yen or more per year) or Level 1 earners (taxable income of 1,450,000 yen or more per year). For more information, please check the pamphlet that came in the same envelope as your Elderly Benefits Certificate (Korei Jukyusha Sho).

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2018 Late-Stage Elderly Medical Insurance Fee

The Late-Stage Elderly Medical Insurance Fee has been calculated based on income from 2017. Subscribers to the Late-Stage Elderly Medical Insurance will receive a letter with payment instructions in July, so please look out for it.



● Revised Insurance Premium

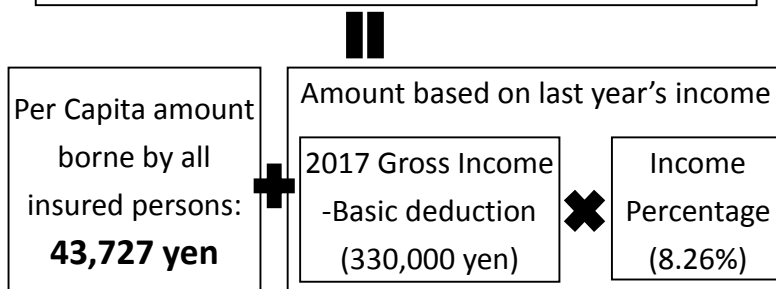
As people age, their medical expenses also increase. In order for all insured persons to receive medical treatment with peace of mind, the insurance premiums have been revised as follows:

Insurance Fee Rate		
Classification	Insurance Fee Rate	
	H28 & H29	H30 & H31
Per Capita Based	45,242 yen	43,727 yen
Income Based	8.94%	8.26%
Annual Premium Limit	570,000 yen	620,000 yen

● Calculation of Annual Premium Amount

The annual insurance premium amount is calculated using the following formula:

Annual Insurance Premium (Limit is 620,000 yen)



● How to Pay the Medical Insurance Fee

Special Payment

When you receive National Pension payments (6 times a year) the medical fee will be deducted.

Normal Payment

With a payment slip or automatic bank transfer

To Late-Stage Elderly Medical Insurance Subscribers:

A new insurance card will be sent out. This card will be valid from August 1st.

- The card will be sent by registered mail in mid-July. The new card is a greenish-brown color.
- The current light-brown insurance card expires on July 31st. You cannot use it after August 1st.
- Please be careful to present the proper card at medical institutions after August 1st.

※ There are Health Insurance fee reductions if you have a low income or were a dependent on an employer's insurance before subscribing to National Health Insurance.

Inquiries: Hoken Nenkin Ka TEL 0748-69-2142 FAX 0748-63-4618

Tsuchiyama Job Fair

Businesses in Tsuchiyama-cho will be holding a job fair. This is a great opportunity to get information directly from companies that are hiring and to interview with those companies.

Date: Friday, July 27th

Time: 1PM to 4PM (Check-in starts at 12:30PM)

Location: Diamond Shiga

Pick-up/Drop-off: Between JR Kibukawa Station and Diamond Shiga (by shuttle bus)

-Departure from JR Kibukawa Station (north exit) 12:30PM

-Departure from Diamond Shiga 3:30PM



Target: Students graduating from college, graduate school, junior college, vocational school, etc. in March of 2019. However, anyone looking for a job can also participate.

How to Apply: No reservations needed. Participation is free. Free to come and go.

Participating Companies: For a list of participating companies, please go to: <http://aino-job.com/>

Inquiries: Aino Koka Tsuchiyama, Godo Kigyo Setsumeikai TEL 0748-66-1020

Letter to the Mayor



In order for Koka City to develop, it is important for not only the administration, but also for all Koka City residents to work together. That is why we want to hear from you! Using the "Letter to the Mayor", we want opinions from people of all ages so that we can help create a better city for everyone.

The letters sent in will be read by the mayor and those who request it will receive a reply. Please use the post card provided on the right or pick up the card at city hall's Hisho Koho Ka or at any of the Chiiki Shimin Centers.

Inquiries: Hisho Koho Ka
TEL 0748-69-2101 FAX 0748-63-4619

Looking for People to Live in Public Housing

Starting July 2nd, Jutaku Kenchiku Ka and the main Chiiki Shimin Centers (Koka-Ohara, Tsuchiyama, Konan Daiichi, and Shigaraki) will be accepting applications for public housing.

For more information, please go to the city homepage.



Application Period:

Monday, July 2nd to Thursday, July 12th

How to Apply:

Receive an application and send it to Jutaku Kenshiku Ka at city hall.

Inquiries: Jutaku Kenchiku Ka
TEL 0748-69-2212 FAX 0748-63-4601

Earthquake Repair Aid

According to the results from the city's Earthquake Resistance Diagnosis, financial aid is being given to help repair wooden structures deemed very likely to collapse.

Target: Residential housing repairs that are completed by March 31st, 2019.

Deadline: Friday, August 31st

For more details, please contact below before construction is started.



✂ During this fiscal year, subsidy amount and additional subsidies will increase.

Inquiries: Jutaku Kenchiku Ka
TEL 0748-69-2213 FAX 0748-63-4601

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Letter to the Mayor

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Would you like a reply letter? Yes · No

Do you give Koka City permission to publish the contents of your letter?

内容の公表 Yes, publish. · No, don't publish.

2018 “Career Fair” for Students with Foreign Backgrounds

(Career Guidance & Discussion with Professionals)

Date & Time:

July 22nd, 2018 (Sun)
12:30PM to 4:40PM

Venue:

G-NET Shiga (10-minute walk from JR Omihachiman station)

Intended for: Students with foreign backgrounds, from elementary 5th graders to senior high school students and their guardians. They must reside/attend school (including schools for foreigners) within the prefecture.

Number of participants: About 80

Details:

- 1) From 12:30PM – Career Guidance for Admission to Senior High school (For elementary and junior high school students and their guardians. Admission from 12:00PM)
- 2) From 1:30PM – Remarks from Previous Students & Discussion with Professionals (For elementary, junior, and senior high school students and their guardians. Admission from 1:00PM)

Pre-registration deadline: July 18th (Wed)

Participation Fee: FREE

How to Apply:


Go to: www.s-i-a.or.jp/en/events/309 for the application and fax it to the number below.

Others:

- ✧ There will be interpreters.
- ✧ Only for 5th grade elementary to senior high school students who applied in advance (pre-registration): SIA will pay for the train fare from the station nearest your house to JR Omihachiman station.



Inquiries: Shiga International Association for Globalization
TEL 077-526-0931 FAX 077-510-0601



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- 3) Send the post card as is.

No postage stamp is necessary.

Do you want to help make Koka City better?
Citizen Cooperative Project Proposals

“I wish I could do this in my own community!”

“I want to make the city’s business even better!”

If you have ever thought these things, the city needs your help! Chiiki Community Suishin Ka is accepting project proposals that are to be implemented next year with the help of local community organizations.

Types of Proposals

- 1) Citizen Themed Project: Any theme
- 2) Administration Themed Project: Theme that is set by the city

Administration Themes

- Let’s advance marriage support together!
 - providing opportunities for those wishing to get married
- The elimination of abandoned agricultural land
- Projects to extend healthy lives
 - Preventing disease through exercise
- Tree Station Project Promotion
 - Carrying out thinned timber and promoting the local economy
- Project proposals that support the applying organization are NOT accepted.

Target Organizations

- Based within Koka City
- Have at least 5 members
- Have a constitution or code
- Proper accounting is carried out

Project Implementation Period

April 1st, 2019 to March 31st, 2020

Application Period

July 2nd (Mon) to August 20th (Mon)

How to Apply

Look on the city homepage or contact Chiiki Community Suishin Ka below.

2017 Projects

Minakuchi Okayama Castle Restoration
(by the Minakuchi Okayama Castle Association)



2017 Shigaraki no Miya Palace Illumination
(by the Shigaraki no Miya Tourist Promotion Project Committee)



Abandoned House Awareness and Experience Project
(by Kafuka Juku)



Handozan History and Culture Branding Project
(by the Handozan Tourist Association)



Application & Inquiries: Chiiki Community Suishin Ka TEL 0748-69-2113 FAX 0748-63-4554



Tour of City Nurseries, Etc.

-Tour and employment information for those who wish to work at nurseries, kindergartens, etc.-

Date: August 3rd (Fri), 9am-4pm

Place: City nursery schools, kindergartens, etc. (7 locations)

Target: Students (university, junior college, vocational school) and those with qualifications (such as nursery school teachers)

Capacity: 20 people

Participation Fee: FREE

Inquiries: Hoiku Yochien Ka
TEL 0748-69-2181 FAX 0748-69-2298



July Events & Information



Tanabata Matsuri

See the many decorated bamboo poles in front of the main hall and watch the spectacular Koka-ryu ninja style fireworks!

Date & Time: Saturday, July 7th, from 4:30PM

Location: Yagawa Jinja (Konan-cho Morishiri 310)

Inquiries: Koka-shi Kanko Kyokai

TEL 0748-60-2690 FAX 0748-60-2362

Kumoi's Bamboo Night

See thousands of bamboo lanterns light up Kumoi Station in a fantastic display.

Date & Time: Saturday, July 7th, 6:30PM to 9PM

Location: Shigaraki Kohgen Railway, Kumoi Station

Inquiries: Kumoi Chiiki Shimin Center

TEL 0748-83-8531 FAX 0748-83-8532

9th Annual

Koka City Go Competition

Date & Time: Sunday, July 8th, 9:15AM to 4:30PM

Location: Suntopia Minakuchi, 2nd Floor Lecture Room

Contents: Each person will play 4 matches. Awards will be determined in each class; A,B, and C.

Capacity: 50 people

Fee: 2,000 yen per person (lunch and tea included)

How to Apply: At the reception desk from 9:15AM to 9:45AM



Inquiries: Minakuchi Igo Club

TEL 0748-62-8270

Social Workers' Job Fair

Koka City and Konan City are hosting an information meeting for those who wish to work with the elderly or children with disabilities. Even if you have no qualifications/experience or are bringing a child with you, feel free to participate.

Date & Time: Sunday, July 8th, 1PM to 4PM

Location: Sunhills Kosei (Konan City)

※Participation is free. No reservation necessary.

Inquiries: Shakai Fukushi Ka

TEL 0748-69-2157 FAX 0748-63-4085

Elementary International Understanding Sekai Manabi Juku 2018

#1 Cambodia

Date & Time: Saturday, July 21st, 10AM to 12PM

Location: Jishu Katsudo Center Kizuna

Target: Elementary school students

Participation Fee: Koka International Society

Members: 300 yen

Non-Members: 500 yen

Bring: Something to write with

Capacity: 30 people

Application Deadline: Friday, July 13th

Inquiries: Koka International Society

TEL 0748-63-8728

2018 Aino Tsuchiyama Marathon

Date: Sunday, November 4th

Location: Aino Tsuchiyama Marathon Course

(officially recognized by the Japan Athletic Association)

Events: Marathon, half marathon

(Men's, Women's, and Mixed)

Target: Those born before April 1st, 2000. (High school students and those in wheelchairs cannot participate)

Participation Fee: 5,000 yen

Capacity: 4,200 people

Application Period:

By mail: July 17th (Tue) to August 10th (Fri)

By RUNTES: July 15th (Sun) to August 31st (Fri)

Website: <http://www.ac-koka.jp/marathon/>

Inquiries: Bunka Sports Shinko Ka

TEL 0748-69-2249 FAX 0748-69-2293

Consultations for the Elderly and People with Disabilities

Free consultations with professionals such as lawyers, judicial scriveners, social workers, social insurance consultants, administrations, etc.

Date & Time: July 21st (Sat), 1:30PM to 4:30 PM

Location: City Hall Bekkan 1st Floor

※ No reservation necessary. Free consultation

※ If you need a sign language interpreter, please contact us in advance.

Inquiries: Koka · Konan Seinen Kokan Center "Pansy"

(Konan Daiichi Chiiki Shimin Center 2nd Floor)

TEL 0748-86-6161 FAX 0748-86-6199

Meishin-Meihan Road Symposium

We are holding a symposium with the aim of promoting local community development and community vision with the Meishin-Meihan Road system.

Date: Sunday, July 22nd

Time: From 2PM

Location: Ai Koka Shimin Hall

Theme: "Community Development Through the Meishin-Meihan Road"

Contents: Opinion exchange, panel discussion

Organizer: Meishin-Meihan Road Improvement Association (Meishin-Meihan Renraku Doro Seibi Sokushinn Kisei Domei Kai)

※Participation is free. No reservation necessary.



Inquiries: Kensetsu Jigyo Ka

TEL 0748-69-2209 FAX 0748-63-4601

Shigaraki Fire Festival

A festival ritual to thank the god of fire for making pottery and to pray for future safety.

Around 700 torches that are lit from the flame at Shingu Shrine are carried in dedication to the god of fire that is enshrined at Atago Shrine on the top of Mount Atago.

Date & Time: Saturday, July 28th

Location: Near Shigaraki Chiiki Shimin Center:
Shingu Shrine to Mount Atago

Anyone can carry a torch, so please join the experience!
(Check-in on the day of)



Inquiries: Shoko Rosei Ka

TEL 0748-69-2188 FAX 0748-63-4087



Koka Nursing College "Open Campus"



Date & Time: July 30th (Mon), July 31st (Tue),
1:20PM to 4PM (Check-in starts at 1PM)

Location: Koka Kango Senmon Gakko

Capacity: 60 people/day by reservation

How to Apply: Fill out the application form on the school website or call the number below.

Website: <https://www.kokans.ac.jp/>

Application & Inquiries: Koka Kango Senmon Gakko
TEL 0748-65-6071 FAX 0748-65-6073

Funazushi Pickling Class

Date: Friday, August 3rd

Time: 9AM to 4PM

Location: Kusuri Gakushu Kan

Target: People living or working in Koka City who did not participate last year.

※This is for making funazushi at home. Those who wish to sell funazushi will not be allowed to join.

Capacity: 30 people

Fee: 22,000 yen (for about 5 kg of salted female funa fish [around 20 fish])

How to Apply: Reserve a space by calling the phone number below



Inquiries: Koka-shi Funazushi Aiko Kai

Contact: Nishida TEL 0748-88-8020

Koka Kominkan Courses

Each Kominkan throughout Koka City offers various lifelong learning courses.

For more information about each course, please contact the Kominkan in charge.

Course Name	Date & Time	Location (Kominkan)	Times	Target & Capacity	Fees & Materials	Application Period
<u>Parent and Child Fun Learning Chemistry Course</u> -Making strap key-holders out of leaf veins	1) July 21 st (Sat) 2) July 28th (Sat) 3) Aug. 25th (Sat)	1) Shigaraki Chuo 2) Konan 3) Tsuchiyama Chuo	3 times	Elementary students in Koka City and their guardians <u>Capacity:</u> 15 groups (30 people)	<u>Fee:</u> 200 yen per person <u>Bring:</u> Water bottle, towel	Until Friday, July 13th

Minakuchi Chuo Kominkan TEL 0748-62-0488 FAX 0748-62-3338

Kafuka Shogai Gakushu Kan TEL 0748-88-4100 FAX 0748-88-5055

Shigaraki Chuo Kominkan TEL 0748-82-8075 FAX 0748-82-2463

Konan Kominkan TEL 0748-86-3036 FAX 0748-86-8119

Tsuchiyama Chuo Kominkan TEL 0748-66-0158 FAX 0748-66-0158

Inquiries & Applications:

July Taxes (7 がつ の ぜい きん)

- Fixed Property Tax 固定資産税 (こていしさんぜい)
- National Health Insurance Tax 国民健康保険税 (こくみんけんこうほけんぜい)
- Nursery School Fee 保育料 (ほいくりょう)
- Kindergarten Fee 幼稚園使用料 (ようちえんしやうりょう)
- Nursing Care Insurance Fee 介護保険料 (かいごほけんりょう)
- Late-Stage Elderly Medical Insurance Fee 後期高齢者医療保険料 (こうきこうれいしやいりょうほけんりょう)
- Sewerage fee 公共下水道使用料 (こうきょうげすいどうしやうりょう)
- Agricultural sewage fee 農業集落排水使用料 (のうぎやうしゅうらくはいすいしやうりょう)

Due date for tax payments:
July 31st (Tue)

CLASSES FOR NEW MOTHERS -- JULY

Offered to parents of 2 to 3-months old infants. This class aims to provide information on child development, hazard prevention, vaccinations, and mother's health management. A mixer will be held as well.

No reservation is required.

Eligibility	Parents with 2- to 3-months-old infant(s)
Time	10:00 to 11:30am (Check-in from 9:45am to 10:00am)
Things to Bring	Maternity record book, the Health Check Calendar, a bathtowel, the Sukoyaka Set you received upon submitting the Notice of Birth
Staff	Public health nurse

Date	Location	For babies born in
7/11 (Wed)	Kokomori	May 2018
7/27 (Fri)	Minakuchi Hoken Center	

HEALTH CHECKUP FOR INFANTS & TODDLERS -- JULY

No appointment required!

Visit your nearest Hoken Center directly.

For more details, refer to the Health Checkup Calendar.

Inquiries:
Sukoyaka Shien Ka (すこやか しえんか) at 0748-69-2168

Health Checkup	Eligible Child	Exam Date	Location	Reception Hours	Items to Bring
4 months	March 2018	7/18 (Wed)	Kaede Kaikan	1:00pm~ 1:30pm	Maternity record book(ぼしてちょう), questionnaire(しつもんひょう), towel, diapers, change of clothes, formula if necessary.
		7/24 (Tue)	Shigaraki HC		
		7/26 (Thr)	Minakuchi HC		
10 months	August 2017	7/12 (Thr)	Minakuchi HC	1:00pm~ 1:30pm	Maternity record book(ぼしてちょう), questionnaire(しつもんひょう), towel, diapers, change of clothes, formula if necessary.
		7/18 (Wed)	Kaede Kaikan		
		7/24 (Tue)	Shigaraki HC		
1 year and 8 months	November 2016	7/4 (Wed)	Kaede Kaikan	1:00pm~ 1:30pm	Maternity record book(ぼしてちょう), questionnaire(しつもんひょう), diapers
		7/11 (Wed)	Minakuchi HC		
2 years and 6 months	December 2015	7/6 (Fri)	Kaede Kaikan	1:00pm~ 1:30pm	Maternity record book(ぼしてちょう), questionnaire(しつもんひょう), survey for your child's hearing ability(さきやきこえけんしん)
		7/23 (Mon)	Minakuchi HC		
3 years and 6 months	December 2014	7/4 (Wed)	Kaede Kaikan	1:00pm~ 1:30pm	Maternity record book(ぼしてちょう), questionnaire(しつもんひょう), Additional questionnaire distributed at 2 years and 6 months checkup
		7/30 (Mon)	Minakuchi HC		

English interpreter is available from 8:30 AM to 5:15 PM

Phone: 0748-69-2114

English translation of city information is available:

<http://www.city.koka.lg.jp/en/>



Check out our video about Koka City!

