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Opening of Outpatient Fever Clinic During the New Year Holidays for Outbreaks of Covid-19 and Influenza

Date	Medical Facility	Address	Telephone Number	Business Hours	Reception Hours	Pediatrics
December 30	Ota (太田) lin	Koka, Minakuchi-cho, Mushono-Chuo 81-2	63-3553 63-3551	8:00-13:00	8:00-12:50	○
	Kariyushi Clinic *Only if you have been seen at this hospital before.	Koka, Tsuchiyama-cho, Ono (大野) 401	67-0155	9:00-13:00	9:00-12:00	—
December 31	Ishibe Shinryo Sho	Konan (湖南市), Ishibe Higashi 5-3-1	77-4100	9:00-13:00	9:00-12:00	—
January 1	Minakuchi Shinryo Sho	Koka, Minakuchi-cho, Kibukawa 293-1	62-3346	9:00-13:00	8:45-12:00	—
January 2	Mito Shinryo Sho	Konan (湖南市), Nishi Mine-cho 1-1	75-0180	9:00-13:00	9:00-12:00	—
January 3	Konan (甲南) Byoin	Koka, Konan-cho (甲南町), Kazuragi 958	86-3131	9:00-13:00	9:00-12:00	—

■ **How to Receive Medical Treatment** Please call in advance and make an appointment or follow other instructions given.

■ **Eligible Persons** Anyone with symptoms such as fever, sore throat, coughing, fatigue, etc.

■ **Please Note** Holiday surcharges will be added to the medical fee. Details and changes will be posted on the Koka City and Konan City websites.

Koka City Website▶



When your Child is Sick...

*If the pediatrics department is not open, consider visiting the pediatric emergency room at Koka Byoin (公立甲賀病院). (Tel: 62-0234)

*If you are not sure whether to take your child to the hospital or not, call the "Child Emergency Telephone Consultation #8000" for advice.

Contact

Iryou Seisaku Shitsu Tel: 69-2171 Fax: 63-4085

Contact each medical facility directly during the dates listed below.

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2023 Koka City Coming of Age Day Celebrations (Koka Hatachi No Tsudoi 甲賀市20歳のつどい)

The Koka City Coming of Age Ceremony (Hatachi No Tsudoi) will be held to celebrate those who have turned 20 years old in the past year.

*In order to prevent the spread of Covid-19 infection, the ceremony will be held in multiple venues, as was the case last year.

● **Date** January 8 (Sun), 2023

● **Opening and Reception Time** 13:00

Part 1: Commemorate Ceremony 14:00-14:30

Part 2: Commemorative Event

"Gathering of New Adults" 14:40-16:00

● **Venue** To maintain social distance between participants, the gatherings will be held at several venues as shown in the table below. Please come to the venue designated according to the junior high school you attended.

Junior High School Attended	Venue
Minakuchi/ Minakuchi Higashi/ Tsuchiyama/ Other	Aikoka Shimin Hall
Shiroyama/ Shigaraki	Hekisui Hall
Koka/ Konan	Konan Joho Koryu Center

● Reception and ceremony start times are the same for all venues.

● **Eligible Persons** Those who were born between April 2, 2002 and April 1, 2003 and meet one of the following criteria

1. Registered residents of Koka City

2. Those who are not currently registered as residents of Koka City, but have attended school in Koka City or work in Koka City, and wish to participate in the Koka City Coming of Age Ceremony (Hatachi No Tsudoi)

● **Please Note** The details of the event may change depending on infection levels of Covid-19.

For more detailed information, please access the city website via QR code or contact Shakai Kyoiku Sports Ka.

● **Organizer**

Koka City, Koka Kyoiku linkai

Hatachi No Tsudoi Executive Committee

Koka City
Website



Contact

Shakai Kyoiku Sports Ka

Tel: 69-2248 Fax: 69-2293

Collection Schedule for Household Garbage and Human Waste from Non-flush Toilets During the Year End and New Year Period

Collection of Household Garbage

Due to the extremely high volume of garbage during the year-end and new-year period, normal collection times and routes may be significantly changed. Please be sure to put out your garbage at the collection point by 8:00 a.m. Also, please be sure to check the garbage calendar as the collection items and collection days may differ from the usual schedule. (Garbage calendars are available at City Hall and each Chiiki Shimin center, as well as on the city website.)

Household Waste Collection Facilities

(Eco-Stations and the Koka Large Area Administrative Union Sanitation Center (Koka Koiki Gyosei Kumiai Eisei Center))

Closed December 31 (Sat) – January 3 (Tue)

* Please check the garbage calendar for the schedule of non-burnable garbage disposal facilities.

* To drop off large sized burnable garbage (over 80cm in total length, width, and height) at the Sanitation Center, please make a reservation at least one day in advance. (Tel: 62-5454)

Oversized Garbage

Area	Designated Contractors	Collection Application Deadline	Last Collection Day of the Year
Minakuchi and Shigaraki area	Minakuchi Tekunosu (Tel: 0748-62-5311)	December 9 (Fri)	December 17 (Sat)
Tsuchiyama area	Hirose (Tel: 0748-52-0943)	December 21 (Wed), before noon	December 22 (Thu)
Koka and Konan	Nichiei Hino (Tel: 0748-53-3941)	December 9 (Fri)	December 22 (Thu)

* Please apply directly to the designated contractor in your area.

* Please apply to the contractor as early as possible, as the schedule is subject to change depending on the status of applications.

Collection of Human Waste

Designated Contractor	Year End	New Year	Area	District	
	Application Deadline	Start Date			
Minakuchi Tekunosu Tel: 0748-62-1959	December 9 (Fri)	January 4 (Wed)	Minakuchi	Whole area of Minakuchi	
			Shigaraki	Nagano	Kita Shin-machi, Kitade-cho, Tonya-machi, Tosei-cho, Hiroshiba-cho, Higashi Nihonmaru-cho, Kami Nihonmaru-cho, Shin Nihonmaru-cho, Minorigaoka-cho, Ogama-cho, Fukushima-cho, Tsuji-machi, Naka-machi, Banba-cho, Hon-machi, Nakade-cho, Moto-machi, Suehiro-cho, Yakiya-cho, Asahi-machi, Hairando-cho, Tsukushigaoka-cho
					Eda, Koyama(神山), Tashiro, Hata
Nichiei Hino Tel: 0748-53-3941	December 16 (Fri)	January 5 (Thu)	Tsuchiyama	Ono(大野) Gakku, *Gakku: School District	
			Koka	Ohara Gakku (except for Sagami and Ohara Ichiba), Aburahi Gakku, Sayama Gakku,	
			Konan	Whole area of Konan	
Hirose Tel: 0748-52-0943	December 2 (Fri)	January 5 (Thu)	Tsuchiyama	Whole area of Tsuchiyama except for Ono (大野) Gakku	
			Koka	Sagami, Ohara Ichiba	
			Shigaraki	Nagano	Atago-machi, Zaimoku-cho, Taisho-machi, Shin-machi, Matsuo-cho, Minami Matsuo-cho, Sakae-machi
					Kohara, Taro, Kumoi, Asamiya

* No urgent requests will be accepted during the holiday period, so please contact the collection contractor in your area as soon as possible.

Contact

Seikatsu Kankyo Ka Tel: 69-2145 Fax: 63-4582

Consultation Corner

December 15 to
January 14

Consultation services are provided **for free. Feel free** to use them.

The events and services below are as of November 18 and may be canceled or postponed due to the impact of COVID-19.

Type of consultation service/contact information	Date	Time	Place/note
Life and work consultations (Public Assistance Counter)※ Advice is provided for concerns about life and work.※Reservation not required. Responders: Consultation and employment support staff (Contact) Seikatsu Shien Ka (Tel) 69-2158 (Fax) 63-4085	Monday to Friday (except national holidays)	8:30 to 17:15	Seikatsu Shien Ka City Hall 1F
Consumer affairs consultations Advice is provided for concerns about consumer affairs, such as contracts and products.You may be redirected to Shiga Prefecture Consumer Affairs Center. Responders: Consumer affairs counselors (Contact) Consumer Affairs Center (Tel)69-2147 / Consumer Hotline 188 (without area code)	Monday to Friday (except national holidays)	9:00 to 17:00	Consumer Affairs Center City Hall 1F
Pension consultations Consultants: Staff of the Kusatsu Pension Office ※Reservation required; service provided on a first-come, first-served basis (Contact) (Application) Consumer Affairs Center (Tel) 077-567-1311 (for reservation only) (Fax) 077-562-9638 (for reservation only)	January 12 (Thu.), 2023 ※Every two months	10:00 to 15:00	Meeting room 202, City Hall 2F
School-age children consultations This consultation service provides advice to school-age children (from elementary to high school students) and their guardians/parents and families. Let's consider issues relating to school, life, and child rearing together. Responders: Counselors on children of school age (Contact) Kosodate Seisaku Ka (Tel) 69-2176 (Fax) 69-2298	Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (except national holidays)	8:30 to 17:15	Kosodate Seisaku Ka City Hall 2F You can also ask for advice using the concierge inquiry form. 
Child-rearing and learning consultations※ Consultations about development, mental, and other issues. ※Reservation by phone or fax required. Coverage: Children roughly 4 years of age or older; elementary, junior high, and high school students; and youths (up to around 25 years of age)For consultations about children under roughly 4 years of age, contact the Sukoyaka Shien Ka (Tel.: 69-2169). (Contact) (Application) Hattatsu Shien Ka (Tel) 69-2178 (Fax) 69-2298 (reception hours: 9:00 to 17:00)			Kindergartens/nursery schools, schools, City Hall, etc.
Youth concerns consultations※ Consultations about school absenteeism, bullying, delinquency, relationships with friends, employment, admission to schools, etc. ※Monday to Friday (excluding national holidays and Year-End/New Year holidays) from 9:00 to 16:00. Advice is also availableby phone or email.			(Contact) Shonen Center (2F Minakuchi Central Public Hall) (Tel) 62-6010 (Fax) 63-3977 (E-mail) k-syonen@city.koka.lg.jp 

November Tax Payments

The due date for tax payments this month is January 4 (Wed)

- Fixed assets tax (3rd term installment)
- National health insurance tax (7th term installment)
- User fees (Nursery school, kindergarten fees and nursery school lunch fees)
- Long-term care insurance premium (7th term installment)
- Medical insurance premiums for the elderly
- Water rates

It is convenient to use account-to-account transfers for payments.

Extended Business Hours in December (until 19:00 every Tuesday)

December 6, 13, 20, 27

On Tuesdays, the Shimin Ka in City Hall is open until 19:00 for issuing certificates such as family registers, residence certificates, tax certificates and for registering personal seals.
*Please note that we cannot handle procedures related to the My Number Card or resident transfers (moving in, moving out, etc.).

Get Your Year-end Fire Prevention Plan in Place!

As the weather becomes colder, fires are more likely to occur due to the increased use of heating devices such as kerosene heaters and electric heaters. In addition, the busy end of year period means that fire safety becomes an afterthought. To prevent fires, follow these "4 Habits and 6 Measures!"

4 Habits

1. Don't smoke (or let your loved ones smoke) in bed.
2. Keep flammable items away from heaters.
3. When using a cooking stove, never leave it unattended.
4. Dust around electrical outlets and unplug appliances that aren't being used.

6 Measures

1. Use heaters, cooking stoves, and other appliances equipped with safety features.
2. Check residential fire alarms regularly and replace them every 10 years or so.
3. Keep rooms tidy and use fire-retardant bedding, clothing, and curtains.
4. Install fire extinguishers and learn how to use them.
5. The elderly and people with physical disabilities should be prepared to evacuate by knowing the safest routes and methods.
6. Take community-wide fire prevention measures by participating in fire drills and accepting door-to-door visits.

Contact

Koka Koiki Gyosei Kumiai Shobo Honbu Yobo Ka (Fire Department)

Tel: 63-7932 Fax: 63-7940 E-mail: fd-yobo@koka-koiki.jp Union Website: <https://www.koka-koiki.jp>

Have You Registered for Direct Debit Payments?

Koka City encourages you to use direct debit (automatic bank transfer) for payments of municipal taxes and user fees.

Convenient No need to go to city hall or a financial institution each time a payment is due. Once you complete the paperwork for direct debit, payments for the following year and thereafter will be made automatically.

Safe No need to carry cash.

Reliable No need to remember payment dates, and you can check your payment history from the entries in your bankbook.

How to Register

- Fill out the account transfer application form and stamp the seal registered on your bankbook.
 - Submit the form directly to the counter of the financial institution where you wish to make the transfer.
- *Application forms are available at all financial institutions in the city. Generally, the transfer will start from the following month.

Designated Financial Institutions

***Ginko/Kinko: bank *Kumiai: cooperative**

Shiga Ginko, Kansai Mirai Ginko, Koka Nogyo Kyodo Kumiai, Koto Shinyo Kinko, Shiga Shinyo Kumiai, Kyoto Ginko, Kinki Rodo Kinko, Green Omi Nogyo Kyodo Kumiai, Shiga Kenmin Shinyo Kumiai, Yucho Ginko, post offices

Contact

Zeimu Ka

Tel: 69-2130 Fax: 63-4574

Information on Services During the New Year Holidays

Closed December 29 (Thu) – January 3 (Tue)

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(excluding days with extended business hours)

Tax Non-Payment Prevention Month Have You Paid All Your Taxes?

To ensure fair distribution of the tax burden, Koka City and Shiga Prefecture will reinforce non-payment prevention measures in December.

If payment is not made by the due date, deposits, savings, wages, etc. may be seized and your home or other properties may be searched.

If you are unable to pay your taxes due to unavoidable circumstances, please contact us as soon as possible.

Non-Payment Collection Procedure

● Demand for Payment

A demand letter will be sent out if payment is not made within 20 days after the due date.

● Property Investigation and Search

Investigations are conducted at financial institutions, workplaces, and houses.

● Seizure of Assets

Wages, deposits, real estate, automobiles, movable property, etc. are seized.

● Sale and Transfer of Assets

The seized property will be collected and sold at public auction and converted into cash. The proceeds from the sale will be used to pay the overdue taxes.

Contact

Municipal Taxes

Zeimu Ka Tel: 69-2131 Fax: 63-4574

Prefectural Taxes

Chubu Kenzei Jimu Sho
(Central Shiga Prefectural Taxation Office)
Tel: 63-6106 Fax: 63-0439

The information in this newsletter can also be found on the city's website and Facebook page.

- Koka City Website:
<http://www.city.koka.lg.jp/>
- Koka City Facebook:
<http://www.facebook.com/city.koka>

