



COVID-19 Information

Response to Category 5 Transition

As of May 8 (Mon.), COVID-19 is treated as Category 5 under the Infectious Disease Control Law. As a result, the response to infection has changed as follows:

● Voluntary restraint and recuperation period

- Voluntary restraint from going outside according to the Infectious Disease Control Law is no longer in effect, and leaving the home is now up to the individual's decision.
- The recuperation period for COVID-19 patients is 5 days after the date of onset (day 0) and 24 hours after the symptoms have subsided. Voluntary restraint is recommended during this period.



○ Close contacts

Close contacts of COVID-19 patients are no longer identified or required by law to refrain from leaving the house. Please check the Koka City website for information on changes due to the Category 5 transition.

Koka City website ▶



Vaccination Without Appointment

Vaccinations are available without an appointment at the Seiyu Minakuchi Store, a site for group vaccinations that started in spring 2023. Please use this facility if scheduling appointments in advance is difficult or if your schedule has changed unexpectedly.

* Priority will be given to those who have made advance reservations, and vaccinations may be unavailable due to a lack of supply.

* A pre-examination ticket with vaccination coupon and applicant's identification document are required for vaccination.



Scan for June vaccination schedule ▶

Inquiries

COVID-19 Response Office Consultation Center
TEL.0748-69-2154



Update By Post **No Later Than July 4:** Welfare Medical Expense Receipt Ticket, etc.

In order to reduce the financial burden of disabled and single-parent families, Koka City subsidizes their medical expenses.

Application period

Late June (as soon as you receive the renewal notice) to July 4 (Tue.)

Eligible persons

Those who currently have welfare medical expense receipt tickets, whose validity period ends on July 31, etc.

* Eligible persons will receive information in the mail, so please complete the update procedure by post.

How to apply

Application is to be made by post using the return envelope enclosed with the renewal notice

<Those who have difficulty applying by post>

You may apply at the service counter during the following period.

Application period

Application period: June 29 (Thu.) to July 4 (Tue.),
8:30 am to 5:15 pm (except weekends)

Where to apply

Health Insurance and Pension (Hoken Nenkin Ka), Community Civic (Chiiki Shimin) Centers in Tsuchiyama, Koka, Konan and Shigaraki

* You may apply after the application period, but your receipt tickets may be delivered late.

* Those who believe they may have newly become eligible should make an inquiry.

* Please check the Koka City website for details.



Inquiries & applications

Elderly Medical Care, Health Insurance and Pension (Hoken Nenkin Ka)

TEL.0748-69-2142 FAX.0748-63-4618

Koka City website ▶



Let's Start! **Japanese**

Dates

Weekends from June 24 (Sat.) to October 8 (Sun.) (25 lessons) 6:30 pm to 8:10 pm

* There are no lessons on some days.

Place

Koka-shi Machi-zukuri Katsudo (Town Development) Center Maroor

Details

Learn Japanese that is used in daily life.

Eligible persons

Those aged 16 or older who are learning Japanese for the first time

Fee ¥ 2000 (textbook fee)

How to apply 2D barcode, phone, fax



◀ English



Português ▶

Inquiries & applications

Shiga Prefecture Office of the Regional Japanese Language Education Promotion Project (Shiga YMCA)

✉ nihongo-suishin@shigaymca.org

Diversity and Inclusion, Community Activities (Shimin Katsudou Suishin Ka)

TEL.0748-70-3721 / FAX.0748-70-6046

Support For High School & University Students

Koka City Scholarship Benefits Program

Koka City provides scholarships for those who have difficulty entering high school or university due to economic circumstances.

If your household's annual household income has changed suddenly due to unemployment, etc., your income status may now make you eligible, so please inquire.

Eligible persons The scholarship program is open to people who fulfill all of the following conditions:

- 1 The student is receiving a Shiga Prefecture student loan, a JASSO scholarship, or another loan that is equivalent to these.
- 2 The student's parent/guardian has been living within Koka City continuously for one year or more prior to coming to receive the student loan per 1 above.
- 3 The student belongs to a household receiving Public Assistance based on the Public Assistance Act.

Benefit amount Senior high school or school for special needs education (senior high school course), etc.: 5,000 yen / month College, university, etc. (excluding graduate school): 15,000 yen / month

Application period June 12 (Mon.) to July 31 (Mon.)

* Those who were eligible in the previous year need to apply again each year.

* Please contact the following for information on the necessary documents and method of application.

Inquiries Education, School Education (Gakko Kyoiku Ka)
TEL.0748-69-2243 FAX.0748-69-2293

[Koka City website](#)



The Individual Number Card is Convenient!!



● What can the Individual Number Card do?

1 Use it as an ID card

The Individual Number Card can be used when ID is required for the use of public facilities or various applications.

2 Get various certificates at convenience stores

Get copies of your resident register, taxation certificates, etc. at convenience stores, without going to the City Hall.

3 Easy tax-related procedures

Tax returns and payments can be filed online, making tax-related procedures easy.

4 Use it as a health insurance card

The Individual Number Card also functions as a health insurance card. Therefore, you will no longer need to carry your health insurance card.

● How do I use my Individual Number Card as a health insurance card?

* You need to make an application. You can apply by installing the Mynaportal (My Number Portal) App on the smartphone which can scan your Individual Number Card. You can also apply through the facial recognition card readers at Seven Bank ATMs, medical institutions, and pharmacies.

<Benefits>

- Use your Individual Number Card as a health insurance card even if you are in the process of getting hired, getting a new job, or relocating.
- You can complete your tax returns online because your medical expense information can be managed on the Mynaportal (My Number Portal).

Inquiries Citizens' Affairs (Shimin Ka)
TEL.0748-69-2138 FAX.0748-65-6338

[Mynaportal](#)



June After-hours Counter (every Tuesday until 7:00 pm): June 6, 13, 20, 27.

Every Tuesday the Koka City Hall Citizens' Affairs (Shimin Ka) is open until 7:00 pm, so you can complete administrative procedures such as having certificates issued (family register, resident register, tax certificate, etc.) or registering your personal seal.

*Please note that Individual Number Card administrative procedures and residence-related changes (moving/relocating, etc.) cannot be handled at the After-hours Counter.

Notice from Maina-chan

You can use your Individual Number Card to get a copy of various certificates at convenience stores. (Check the list below for the applicable certificates.)

Inquiries
Citizens' Affairs (Shimin Ka)
TEL.0748-69-2138
FAX.0748-65-6338

Monthly Tax Payments

The due date for tax payments this month is **June 30 (Fri.)**.

Please use the convenient direct debit system for your tax payments.

- Municipal and prefectural residences tax (1st installment)
- National Health Insurance tax (1st installment)
- User fees (Nursery school fees, Kindergarten and Nursery school lunch fees)
- Nursing-care insurance premium (1st installment)
- Water fees

Consultation content/Contact

Date

Time

Location

<p>Life and Work Consultations (Public Assistance Counter)*</p> <p>Advice is available for concerns about daily life and work. *No need to apply Responders: Consultation support staff, and employment support staff</p> <p>Contact Public Assistance, Public Assistance (Seikatsu Shien Ka) TEL.0748-69-2158 / FAX.0748-63-4085</p>	<p>Every week, from Monday to Friday (except public holidays)</p>	<p>8:30 am to 5:15 pm</p>	<p>Public Assistance Counter, Public Assistance (Seikatsu Shien Ka), 1F, Koka City Hall</p>
<p>Consumer Affairs Consultations</p> <p>Advice is available for concerns about consumer affairs, such as products, purchase agreements, and other contracts. * No need to apply Responders: Consumer affairs counsellors</p> <p>Contact Consumer Life Center (Shouhi Seikatsu Center) TEL.0748-69-2147 / Consumer Hotline: 188 (no area code)</p>	<p>Every week, from Monday to Friday (except public holidays)</p>	<p>9:00 am to 5:00 pm</p>	<p>Consumer Life Center (Shouhi Seikatsu Center), 1F, Koka City Hall</p>
<p>School-age Children Consultations</p> <p>This consultation counter is for school-age children (elementary to high school) and their parents/guardians and other family members. We are ready to listen and offer advice on matters about school, daily life, and parenting. Responders: Counsellors for school-age children</p> <p>Contact Child Rearing Policy, Child Rearing Policy (Kosodate Seisaku Ka) TEL.0748-69-2176 / FAX.0748-69-2298</p>	<p>Every week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (except public holidays)</p>	<p>8:30 am to 5:15 pm</p>	<p>Child Rearing Policy (Kosodate Seisaku Ka), 2F, Koka City Hall You can also make inquiries using the Child-Rearing Concierge Inquiry Form.</p> 
<p>Parenting and Study Consultations*</p> <p>We are ready to listen and offer advice on matters about your child's development and emotional/mental concerns. *Please make an appointment by phone or fax. Eligible persons: Generally children aged 4 years or older, elementary and middle & senior high school students, adolescents, and young adults (up to around 25 years old) *For consultations regarding children aged 4 or younger, please contact your local health care (Hoken) center.</p> <p>Contact Appointments Development Support (Hattatsu Shien Ka) TEL.0748-69-2178 / FAX.0748-69-2298 (Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm)</p>			<p>Kindergartens/nurseries and schools, Koka City Hall, etc.</p>
<p>Youth Concerns Consultations*</p> <p>We are ready to listen and offer advice on matters concerning young people, including school absenteeism, bullying, misbehaving, delinquency, friendships, and pursuing further education or finding work. *From Monday to Friday, 9:00 am to 4:00 pm (except public holidays and end-of-year holidays). Consultations can also be made by phone and email.</p>			<p>Contact Youth (Shonen) Center (2F, Minakuchi Central Community Center (2F Minakuchi Chuo Kominkan)) TEL.0748-62-6010 / FAX.0748-63-3977 Email: k-syonen@city.koka.lg.jp</p> 
<p>Youth School Absenteeism & Hikikomori Consultation</p> <p>We are ready to listen and offer advice on matters related to school absenteeism and hikikomori for youth up to around 25 years old who have completed compulsory education.</p>			<p>Contact Development Support (Hattatsu Shien Ka) TEL.0748-69-2179 (Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm)</p>

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<https://www.city.koka.lg.jp/>

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