



KOKA EXPO 2023

2023 October 15 Sun

KOKA EXPO 2023 is the collective term for five events that showcase the charms of local resources held on the same day in the same area by cities and relevant organizations in preparation for Expo 2025.

- 1st half** 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
- 2nd half** 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm (Local Brew Event, Concert Under the Stars)
- Venue** Koka-shi Machi-zukuri Katsudo (Town Development) Center Maroom, Koka-shi Aikoka Citizens' Hall, Koka City Hall and nearby area

*Held rain or shine

(May be canceled during stormy weather. If the event is canceled, a notice will be posted on the Koka City website, etc., by 6:00 pm on the 14th (Sat).)

*Parking is limited. Please use public transportation.

*Some event activities require advance reservations.

Note that event details are subject to change without prior notice. For details, please see the Koka City website.



◀ Koka City website

- Koka Food Expo
- Ramp Up to Expo 2025 Event
- Eco Fest for the Future
- Koka Commerce Festival – Koka Work Expo 2023
- Food Festival in Shiga

Fall 2023 COVID-19 Vaccinations Now Available

In Koka, fall 2023 vaccinations (group and individual vaccinations) are available starting September 28.

Vaccination Coupon and Application Notification Postcard Mailing Schedule

*Vaccination coupons are sent to persons whose previous vaccination was three months ago.

Category	Items Sent	Sending Period
Persons aged 75 or older	Vaccination coupons have already been sent	September 21 (Thu)
Persons aged 65 to 74	Vaccination coupons will be sent	October 6 (Fri)
Persons aged 12 to 64 who have underlying conditions and medical staff, etc.	Vaccination coupons will be sent to persons who have applied for issuance at the spring 2023 vaccination	
Persons aged 12 to 64 other than those indicated above	Vaccination coupons or application notification postcard will be sent	Late October onward (planned)
Persons aged 6 months to 11 years	Application notification postcard will be sent	

It may take up to one week for coupons or the postcard to arrive depending on postal conditions.

*Please check the Koka City website for details.

Inquiries

COVID-19 Response Office Consultation Center
TEL.0748-69-2154 (Mon. to Fri. 9:00 to 5:00 pm)



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Group vaccination
schedule for
October



Flu Shots Are Now Available for Elderly Residents

The flu is an illness triggered by infection with the influenza virus. The flu is known for a sudden onset of symptoms such as fever of 38°C or higher, headache, joint pain, muscle pain, and general malaise.

The chance of complications from the flu, such as pneumonia, are much more common in the elderly, and can even be fatal.

Make sure to get plenty of rest and healthy food, keep your immune system strong, your rooms ventilated, and wash your hands properly to prevent infection and get vaccinated to suppress or keep flu symptoms from becoming serious.



Eligible Persons

Persons registered as city residents that fall under ① or ② below:

- ① Persons aged 65 or older on the day of vaccination
- ② Persons between 60 and 64 years of age on the day of vaccination with impaired heart, kidney, or respiratory functionality or with impaired immune functionality due to HIV that possess the equivalent of a class 1 physical disability certificate

Vaccination Period

Mid-October to late December
(Differs depending on the healthcare facility)

What to Bring

- ① Health insurance card or medical insurance card for older senior citizens
- ② Amount borne by the individual (¥2,000)

Participating Healthcare Facilities

Please check the following page.

*If you would like to be vaccinated at a healthcare facility outside the city, please make sure to contact the Health Support (Sukoyaka Shien Ka) two weeks before the vaccination.

Other

You may also receive the COVID-19 vaccination at the same time if the vaccination site physician approves.

You May Be Eligible for a Free Vaccination

Persons that fall under ① or ② below are eligible for a free vaccination:

- ① Public Assistance households
- ② 2023 resident tax-free households

If you wish to receive a free vaccination, please make sure to apply before receiving a vaccination.

You cannot apply after receiving a vaccination.

*If you wish to receive a free vaccination and are between 60 and 64 years of age, please bring a copy of your physical disability certificate or a letter from your primary physician when applying.

Where to Find an Application/Where to Apply

Health Support (Sukoyaka Shien Ka), a nearby health care (Hoken) center, Community Civic (Chiiki Shimin) Centers in Tsuchiyama, Koka Ohara, Konan-daiichi, and Shigaraki

*If you have difficulty coming to pick up an application, it can be sent by mail. Please contact the office below.

After filling in the application, please send it back to Health Support (Sukoyaka Shien Ka).

(Note that you will be responsible for postage fees when sending the application back.)

*You can also download an application from our website.

Application Deadline

November 30 (Thu) (Weekdays 8:30 am to 5:15 pm)



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Inquiries

Maternal and Child Health, Health Support (Sukoyaka Shien Ka)
TEL.0748-69-2169 FAX.0748-63-4085

2023 Healthcare Facilities Offering Flu Shots for Elderly Residents

	Healthcare Facility	Address	Phone	
Minakuchi-cho	Asada Clinic	226-1 Higashinasaka, Minakuchi-cho	69-7755	Walk-ins welcome
	An Clinic	119-1 Mushonochuo, Minakuchi-cho	0748-65-6884	Walk-ins welcome
	Iwaya Clinic	2-10 Nakayashiki, Minakuchi-cho	0748-62-0053	Walk-ins welcome
	Ohta Clinic	81-2 Mushonochuo, Minakuchi-cho	0748-63-3553	Walk-ins welcome
	Kimura Clinic	1015-9 Mushono, Minakuchi-cho	0748-62-2143	Make appointment at healthcare facility
	Kohka Public Hospital	1256 Matsuo, Minakuchi-cho	0748-62-0234	Make appointment at healthcare facility
	Saito Clinic of Internal Medicine and Gastrointestinal Medicine	3-26 Shoei, Minakuchi-cho	0748-65-2002	Walk-ins welcome
	Tashiro Clinic	696 Shinjo, Minakuchi-cho	0748-63-0530	Walk-ins welcome
	Tashiro Clinic of Surgery and Orthopedic Surgery	1272 Izumi, Minakuchi-cho	0748-62-0635	Walk-ins welcome
	Tubasa Clinic	3-33 Ayano, Minakuchi-cho	0748-63-7766	Walk-ins welcome
	Nakagawa Clinic of Internal Medicine	5546-4 Minakuchi, Minakuchi-cho	0748-65-5410	Make appointment at healthcare facility
	Hamada Clinic*1	5992-1 Minakuchi, Minakuchi-cho	0748-65-3737	Make appointment at healthcare facility
	Hayami Clinic	1-128 Kitaizumi, Minakuchi-cho	0748-65-3211	Walk-ins welcome
	Hirakawa Clinic	184-2 Higashinasaka, Minakuchi-cho	0748-63-6373	Walk-ins welcome
	Fukai Clinic	3802 Bannakayama, Minakuchi-cho	0748-65-4100	Make appointment at healthcare facility
	Municipal Minakuchi Clinic	293-1 Kibukawa, Minakuchi-cho	0748-62-3346	Walk-ins welcome
	Minakuchi Hospital	2-2-43 Honmachi, Minakuchi-cho	0748-62-1212	Make appointment at healthcare facility
Murakami Orthopedic Clinic	1095-4 Mushono, Minakuchi-cho	0748-63-7751	Walk-ins welcome	
Yamamoto Clinic of Internal Medicine and Orthopedics	111 Mushonochuo, Minakuchi-cho	0748-62-9559	Walk-ins welcome	
Tsuchiyama-cho	Uda Clinic	1684-1 Kitatsuchiyama, Tsuchiyama-cho	0748-66-1050	Walk-ins welcome
	Kariyushi Clinic	401 Ono, Tsuchiyama-cho	0748-67-0155	Make appointment at healthcare facility
	Kawabata Clinic	451 Tokuhara, Tsuchiyama-cho	0748-67-0018	Walk-ins welcome
	Nakanishi Clinic	1433-2 Kitatsuchiyama, Tsuchiyama-cho	0748-66-0712	Walk-ins welcome
Koka-cho	Oki Clinic	2089 Oki, Koka-cho	0748-88-4072	Walk-ins welcome
	Furunishi Clinic	833-141 Haisaka, Koka-cho	0748-88-5575	Walk-ins welcome
	Masuda Clinic of Internal Medicine	2231-1 Taki, Koka-cho	0748-88-2277	Make appointment at healthcare facility
Konan-cho	Imamura Clinic	2201 Fukawa, Konan-cho	0748-86-2119	Walk-ins welcome
	Konan Hospital*2	958 Kazuraki, Konan-cho	0748-86-3131	Walk-ins welcome
	Takeuchi Orthopedic Surgery	77-1 Nojiri, Konan-cho	0748-86-8205	Make appointment at healthcare facility
	Terai Clinic	6-857-81 Kibogaoka Honmachi, Konan-cho	0748-86-1112	Walk-ins welcome
	Heart Clinic Kokoro	411 Nojiri, Konan-cho	0748-86-0011	Walk-ins welcome
	Furu Clinic	1098 Terasho, Konan-cho	0748-86-3135	Walk-ins welcome
Shigaraki-cho	Shigaraki Clinic	619-1 Nagano, Shigaraki-cho	0748-82-7833	Make appointment at healthcare facility
	Shigaraki Central Hospital	473 Nagano, Shigaraki-cho	0748-82-0249	Make appointment at healthcare facility
	Shigaraki Hospital	997 Maki, Shigaraki-cho	0748-83-0101	Make appointment at healthcare facility

*1 Only patients who have been seen at Hamada Clinic may receive vaccinations.

*2 Vaccinations are available at Konan Hospital starting October 16 (Mon). If you would like a vaccination only, please visit the hospital between 2:30 pm and 3:30 pm from the 1st to the 20th of each month on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, or Friday. (Not available on November 10 (Fri))

Notice on **Revision of Minimum Wage**

The minimum wage for Shiga Prefecture has been raised to ¥967 as of October 1.

This applies to all workers at businesses in Shiga Prefecture, regardless of the type of employment, including regular and part time work. Minimum wage not only guarantees a minimum amount, but also plays an important role in improving working conditions. (Specific (by industry) minimum wages are set according to specific industries.)

Inquiries

Wage Office, Shiga Labor Bureau TEL.077-522-6654

Higashiomi Labor Standards Inspection Office TEL.0748-22-0394

*Contact the Shiga Labor Bureau Employment Environment and Equal Opportunity Office (TEL.077-523-1190) for information on subsidies for raising wages.

Notice on **Traffic Regulations and Facility Closures Due to the November 5 (Sun) Aino Tsuchiyama Marathon**

Traffic Regulations

Roads near the course

*For details, see the October 29 (Sun) newspaper insert or the marathon website.

Inquiries

Marathon Office (inside the Tsuchiyama Gymnasium) TEL.0748-66-0091

Sports Promotion, Social Education (Shakai Kyoiku Sports Ka) TEL.0748-69-2249 FAX.0748-69-2293



▲ Marathon website

Closures

Tsuchiyama Library, Museum of History and Folklore, Aino Tsuchiyama Community Hall, and Shinrin Community Hall

*To return or request extensions for borrowed library books, please visit other libraries in the city.

Inquiries

Culture Promotion, Social Education (Shakai Kyoiku Sports Ka)

TEL.0748-62-2626 FAX.0748-62-2625

Shigaraki Pottery Festival

It's time for the Shigaraki Pottery Festival, a familiar event for pottery fans. Participating shops in the town offer special discounts, there will be a stamp rally, and lovely Shigaraki ware awaits all who come.

Date

October 7 (Sat) to 15 (Sun) *Hours differ depending on the shop.

Place

Participating shops in Shigaraki-cho

Inquiries

Shigaraki Pottery Wholesale Commercial Union

TEL.0748-82-0039 FAX.0748-82-3403



▲ Website

Your Rent Can Be **Subsidized for Up to ¥20,000**

Eligible Persons

Those living in private rental housing who meet the criteria for moving into municipal housing

Application Period

October 2 (Mon) to 13 (Fri)

No. of Subsidized Properties

40 *Chosen by lottery system if there are many applicants (October 26 (Thu))

Documents to Submit

Application (Available at Public Housing Construction (Jutaku Kenchiku Ka) and for download on the Koka City website)

Where to Submit

Public Housing Construction (Jutaku Kenchiku Ka), Community Civic (Chiiki Shimin) Centers in Tsuchiyama, Koka, Konan, and Shigaraki

May also be sent by mail (Must arrive by the deadline)

Inquiries & applications

Public Housing Construction (Jutaku Kenchiku Ka)

6053 Minakuchi, Minakuchi-cho, Koka City 528-8502 TEL.0748-69-2212 FAX.0748-63-4601



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October After-hours Counter (every Tuesday until 7:00 pm): October 3, 10, 17, 24, and 31

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. (Please contact us at the following telephone number for the applicable certificates.)

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

Inquiries

Monthly Tax Payments

The due date for tax payments this month is **October 31 (Tue)**.

- Municipal and prefectural residences tax (3rd installment)
- National Health Insurance tax (5th installment)
- User fees (Nursery school fees, Kindergarten and Nursery school lunch fees)
- Nursing-care insurance premium (5th installment)
- Medical Insurance premiums for older senior citizens
- Water fees

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

Consultation content/Contact

Date

Time

Location

Life and Work Consultations (Public Assistance Counter)*

Advice is available for concerns about daily life and work. *No need to apply Responders: Consultation support staff, and employment support staff

Contact Public Assistance, Public Assistance (Seikatsu Shien Ka)

TEL.0748-69-2158 / FAX.0748-63-4085

Every week, from Monday to Friday (except public holidays)

8:30 am to 5:15 pm

Public Assistance Desk, Public Assistance (Seikatsu Shien Ka), 1F, Koka City Hall

Consumer Affairs Consultations

Advice is available for concerns about consumer affairs, such as products, purchase agreements, and other contracts. Responders: Consumer affairs counsellors

Contact Consumer Life Center (Shouhi Seikatsu Center)

TEL.0748-69-2147 / Consumer Hotline: 188 (no area code)

Every week, from Monday to Friday (except public holidays)

9:00 am to 5:00 pm

Consumer Life Center (Shouhi Seikatsu Center), 1F, Koka City Hall

Pension Consultations

Consultations: Kusatsu Pension Office staff *By appointment only, first-come-first-served basis

Contact Appointments Kusatsu Pension Office

TEL.077-567-2220 / FAX.077-562-9638

November 9 (Thu) *Held every second month

10:00 am to 3:00 pm

2F Meeting Room 202, Koka City Hall

School-age Children Consultations

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

Contact Child Rearing Policy, Child Rearing Policy (Kosodate Seisaku Ka)

TEL.0748-69-2176 / FAX.0748-69-2298

Every week on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday (except public holidays)

8:30 am to 5:15 pm

Child Rearing Policy (Kosodate Seisaku Ka), 2F, Koka City Hall

You can also make inquiries using the Child-Rearing Concierge Inquiry Form.



Parenting and Study Consultations*

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.

Contact Appointments Development Support (Hattatsu Shien Ka)

TEL.0748-69-2178 / FAX.0748-69-2298 (Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Kindergartens/nurseries and schools, Koka City Hall, etc.

Youth School Absenteeism & Hikikomori Consultation

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.

Contact

Development Support (Hattatsu Shien Ka)

TEL.0748-69-2179 (Hours: 9:00 am to 5:00 pm)

Youth Concerns Consultations*

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.

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



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