



Shigaraki Kodomoen Completed

Shigaraki Kodomoen, a new Certified Childcare Center in Shigaraki-cho, has been completed and will be in operation from April.

A private showing will be held prior to the opening.

● Private Showing

Date March 10 (Sun) 11:00 am to 12:30 pm

Location 969 Eda, Shigaraki-cho



▲ Koka City website



▲ Conceptual drawing of Shigaraki Kodomoen

*From April, Tsuchiyama, Ohara, Aburahi, and Shigaraki Nikoniko-en kindergartens and nursery schools will be reclassified as Certified Childcare Centers.

Inquiries

Parenting Support Facility Development and Promotion Office TEL. 0748-69-2182 FAX. 0748-69-229

Public Transportation with a Future Let's Use Public Transportation!



The Community Bus Schedule will be Revised on April 1.

The new schedule will be posted on the Koka City website in early March, and timetables will be placed at Koka City Hall, Community Civic Centers, stations in the city, inside buses, etc. from around March 20.



▲ Scan for more information

New Bus Waiting Area Completed

A new waiting area has been completed in front of Koka City Hall, which not only shelters people from rain and wind, but also serves as a relaxing space. Please enjoy it.



▲ Bus waiting area completed in front of Koka City Hall

Inquiries

Public Transportation Promotion (Kokyo Kotsu Suishin Ka) TEL. 0748-69-2215 FAX. 0748-63-4601

Japanese Language Classes for Foreign Residents

Student interviews for classes will be held on the day of your choice. (Advance registration required)

● Monday Rainbow Class

Date March 25 (Mon) 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm **Location** Maroom

● Saturday Ninja Class

Date March 23 (Sat) 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm **Location** Minakuchi Central Community Center (Minakuchi Chuo Kominkan)

Application Deadline March 15 (Fri)

Inquiries & Applications

Koka International Society TEL. 0748-63-8728 FAX. 0748-70-6468

From March, Apply for a Copy of Your Family Register, etc. at a Counter Other Than Your Registered Location of Domicile



With the partial amendment of the Family Register Act on March 1, 2024, it is now possible to request a copy of family register, copy of closed family register, etc. at the counter of any municipality, not only the registered location of domicile.

This allows you to make a request for a family register from anywhere in Japan at the Koka City counter.

Please check the Ministry of Justice website for details.

Important Information

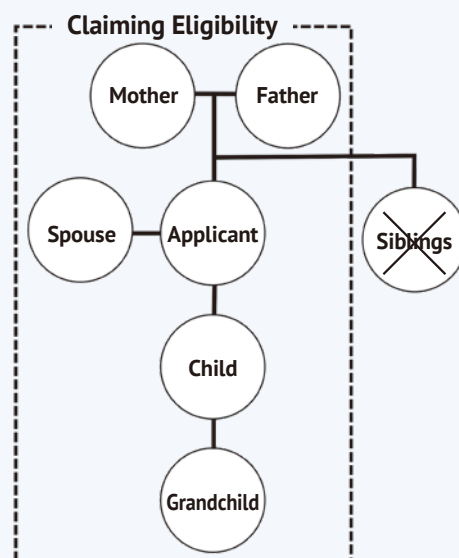
• Only a certified copy of the family register, etc. can be requested. (Extract of family register cannot be requested)

Those who can request a wide-area issuance of family registers, etc.

- Applicant
- Spouse
- Parents, grandparents, etc. (lineal ascendant)
- Child, grandchild, etc. (lineal descendant)



▲ Ministry of Justice website



*The request must be made at the counter by a person who is able to request the family register, etc.

• Requests cannot be made by mail or by a representative (authorization letter).

Inquiries

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

Visit the Temporary Weekend Consultation Counter for Moving, Relocating, and Other Procedures

This time of year sees many people starting a new life due to job transfers, new employment, beginning school, and other changes. To assist with increased requests, we will be opening a temporary weekend consultation counter for those needing to apply for a change of address.



Temporary Counter Dates March 30 (Sat), April 7 (Sun) 8:30 am to 12:30 pm

Location Citizens' Affairs (Shimin Ka)

Topics Handled • Residence-related changes (moving/relocating)

- Personal seal registration, seal impression certificate
- Issuance of official documents (resident register, family register, taxation certificate, certificate of income)
- Issuance of school transfer notices

*Please note that some procedures and certificates can only be provided on weekdays (during regular hours).

Inquiries

Certificates and Records, Citizens' Affairs (Shimin Ka) TEL. 0748-69-2137 FAX. 0748-65-6338

From March 1 (Fri) to 7 (Thu) 2024 Spring Fire Prevention Campaign

During this time of year, with the arrival of spring, fires are particularly common due to dry air and strong winds. Take the opportunity of this campaign to review fire safety rules and increase awareness to prevent fires and other disasters!

*Wildfire and vehicle fire prevention campaigns will also be held.



▲ Website



Inquiries

Prevention Division, Koka Wide-Area Administrative Kumiai Fire Department Headquarters
TEL. 0748-63-7932 FAX. 0748-63-7940

Notice on the COVID-19 Vaccine Information from April and the End of Service

Vaccinations for COVID-19, which have been provided as special temporary vaccination at full public expense (no payment by individuals), will end on March 31. From April, the vaccine will be positioned as a Class B disease under the Immunization Act and administered as a routine vaccination based on the Act, with the aim of reducing the number of serious cases by preventing individuals from becoming seriously ill.

Eligible Persons (1) Persons aged 65 or older (2) Persons aged 60 to 64 at high risk of serious illness (*)

*Those with heart, kidney, or respiratory organ dysfunctions that severely limit their daily lives, or those with immune dysfunctions caused by the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that make daily life almost impossible.

★ Those who are not eligible for routine vaccination but wish to be vaccinated can do so at their own expense as voluntary vaccination.

Fee In principle, some payment by individuals is required (amount to be determined)

Vaccine Frequency/Vaccination Period Once per year during fall and winter

COVID-19 vaccine available Selection will be based on the status of mainstream viruses in the pandemic and scientific findings on vaccine efficacy, and will be reviewed annually for the foreseeable future.



● Notice on the end of service

The COVID-19 Vaccination Call Center and the COVID-19 Response Office Consultation Center will close on March 29 (Fri).

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

Temporary Childcare Facilities and Method of Application Will Change from April

Temporary childcare facilities will be changed from April. In addition, the method of application for public facilities will be changed to online. Please feel free to use this service.

◎Facilities offering temporary childcare

Public	Ai Mirai Nursery School
	Tschiyama Parenting Support (Ko Sodate Shien) Center
	Koka Parenting Support (Ko Sodate Shien) Center
	Konan Parenting Support (Ko Sodate Shien) Center
	Shigaraki Parenting Support (Ko Sodate Shien) Center
Private	Minakuchi Kita Nursery School
	Konan Kindergarten, a Certified Childcare Center
	Konan Nozomi Nursery School



◎Application for use

Applications will be available online from April.(Applications start from March)

*Applications for use at private facilities must be made at each facility.

*First-time users must have an interview at the facility before the date of use.

*Conventional method of application will continue to be accepted.

Please check the Koka City website for details.

Inquiries Nursery School and Kindergarten (Hoiku Yochien Ka) TEL. 0748-69-2180 FAX. 0748-69-2298
Child Rearing Policy (Kosodate Seisaku Ka) TEL. 0748-69-2176 FAX. 0748-69-2298



▲ Koka City website

Rabies Preventive Group Vaccination for Fiscal 2024 will be Held

All dogs 91 days or older are required to be registered and must receive an annual rabies vaccination. Dog owners are advised to vaccinate their dogs at a group vaccination event or at a veterinary clinic.

For Koka City, rabies vaccination certificates and dog identification tags are provided by the Shiga Veterinary Medical Association.

Please contact Consumer and Environmental Protection (Seikatsu Kankyo Ka) for any changes in registration details, including when moving to a new address or if your dog passes away.

Group Vaccination Schedule

	Date	
	April	May
Minakuchi area	10, 12	13
Tsuchiyama area	19	1, 10
Konan area	9, 23	8
Koka area	17, 24	10
Shigaraki area	15, 22, 26	7

*Refer to the Koka City website or the Vaccination Notification postcard that will be sent to pet owners in late March for details on vaccination venues, start times, participating veterinarians, etc.

What to Bring

◎Registered pets

- Dog registration card (Aiken Card)
- Vaccination notification postcard

*Delivery planned for late March

- Vaccination fee (¥3,500)

*Please complete the medical questionnaire attached to the postcard to ensure the vaccination proceeds smoothly.

*Consult your veterinarian before scheduling vaccination if your dog is pregnant, has just given birth, or has other health problems.

◎New registrations

- Dog registration fee (¥3,000)
- Vaccination fee (¥3,500)

Reviewing Pet Owner Etiquette

Pets such as cats and dogs are important to people's lives, and so are the responsibilities and manners required for living with pets. The noise they make and the messes they leave behind (urine, feces, etc.) can be a nuisance to others, and failing to take care of these and other responsibilities can lead to problems with neighbors.

Let's take a moment to review some basic etiquette rules for pet owners.



◎Living with dogs

● During walks

When you walk your dog, be sure to bring the tools necessary for cleaning up after your dog (including shovels and plastic bags for feces). Also, keep your dog leashed at all times.

● Cleaning up feces

Dog owners failing to pick up their dog's feces is a big problem for local residents. Owners are always responsible for cleaning up after their dogs.

*For more information on stray dogs or cats and other general care, please contact the Shiga Prefecture Animal Shelter.

TEL. 0748-75-1911 FAX. 0748-75-4450

◎Living with cats

● Keeping cats indoors

The outside world is a dangerous place for cats, exposing them to accidents and diseases.

Stray cats can also cause problems by leaving their feces and urine in unwanted places.

● Spaying/neutering

Have your cat spayed or neutered to prevent the number of unwanted cats from increasing.

● Preventing increased stray cat populations

Do not feed stray cats. Doing so can cause various problems in the community, including increased cat droppings, sounds, and damage to fields. If you want to feed stray cats, keep them indoors as members of your family.



Koka City website ▶

Inquiries

Consumer and Environmental Protection, Consumer and Environmental Protection (Seikatsu Kankyo Ka)
TEL. 0748-69-2145 FAX. 0748-63-4582

Reception of Applications for Reduction/Exemption of 2024 Light Vehicle Tax (by Car Model) Starts from April

Applications for a reduction/exemption of the light vehicle tax (by car model) for light vehicles and other vehicles that meet the following conditions will be accepted during the application period.



Application Conditions

- Light vehicles, etc. that meet the conditions for use by individuals with a physical disability certificate, mental disability health and welfare certificate, medical care certificate, or war injury and sickness certificate.
- Light vehicles, etc. that are used by public institutions or local organizations for public service projects.

*Reduction/exemption eligibility depends on the ownership conditions of the light vehicle, etc., the disability category, and the certificate grade.

Application Period

April 1 (Mon) to May 24 (Fri)

*Note that applications will not be accepted after the application period.

Locations to apply

Taxation Affairs (Zeimu Ka), Community Civic (Chiiki Shimin) Centers in Tsuchiyama, Koka, Konan, and Shigaraki

Change the name on your light vehicle or scrap the vehicle as necessary

The light vehicle tax (by car model) must be paid by owners of motorized bicycles, specified small motorized bicycles, light three- and four-wheeled vehicles, and small special vehicles (agricultural vehicles, forklifts, etc.) on April 1 every year. Note that the light vehicle tax (by car model) must still be paid even if the name on the vehicle is changed or the vehicle is scrapped on or after April 2.

Be sure to change the name on the vehicle or scrap the vehicle by April 1 if the vehicle owner has changed (if the owner has become deceased) or if the owner no longer owns the vehicle.

*However, motorized bicycles, specified small motorized bicycles, and small special vehicles are subject to taxation if owned, regardless of their usage.



Scan for a list of the procedure locations for each type of vehicle handled ▶



For those who are changing their name, address, or scrapping their vehicle outside of Shiga Prefecture

To change the name or address or report a vehicle as scrap for a light vehicle with a Shiga plate number subject to taxation in Koka City from outside of Shiga Prefecture, you must submit a **tax declaration (tax suspension)** application with Koka City.

If you forget to submit a tax suspension application, Koka City Hall will not keep track of your vehicle registration status and will continue applying the light vehicle tax (by car model).

Be sure to complete the tax suspension application—particularly for name changes (transfers of registrations) as tax notices will continue being sent to the owner on file, which may lead to unexpected problems.



Please Feel Free to Consult with Us

Concerns about Nursing Care, Dementia, and the Future

Someone near you may have the same concerns about nursing care, dementia, and the future. Koka City has a network to support you. Please do not hesitate to ask for advice.

◎Consultation locations in the area Regional Comprehensive Support Centers

This is a general consultation counter concerning the elderly. Medical and nursing care professionals are available for consultation.

Minakuchi area TEL.0748-65-1170
Tsuchiyama area TEL.0748-66-1610
Koka area TEL.0748-88-8136
Konan area TEL.0748-86-8034
Shigaraki area TEL.0748-82-3180

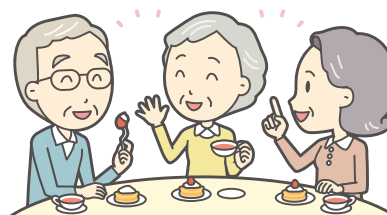


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◎A place for people who support those with dementia to network Orange Cafe

A place where people with dementia, their families, and local residents can casually gather, interact, and exchange information.



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◎Home nursing care advice service

A certified care worker will visit your home and give you advice on safe and comfortable care.



◎A place for caregivers to network Koka City Caregivers' Group

This is a place where caregivers can talk with other caregivers about their concerns and receive advice from those who have caregiving experience.

Minakuchi Branch TEL.0748-76-3287
Tsuchiyama Branch TEL.0748-66-2001
Koka Branch TEL.0748-88-2942
Konan Branch TEL.0748-86-6035
Shigaraki Branch TEL.0748-82-8031



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◎Learn by watching videos! Nursing care without holding up, lifting up, or dragging

We provide videos to help you care for your loved one safely, securely, and comfortably. Why not learn about caregiving methods in your spare time?



▲ Koka City's official YouTube channel

Inquiries

Regional Comprehensive Support Office, Senior Welfare (Choju Fukushi Ka)
TEL. 0748-69-2175 FAX. 0748-63-4085

March After-hours Counter (every Tuesday until 7:00 pm): March 5, 12, 19, and 26

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 obtain a certificate of registration of personal seal by displaying your Individual Number Card at the counter.

*You need a four-digit PIN.

*100 yen cheaper at convenience stores.

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 **April 1 (Mon)**.

- National Health Insurance tax (10th installment)
- User fees (Nursery school fees, Kindergarten and Nursery school lunch fees)
- Nursing-care insurance premium (10th installment)
- Medical Insurance premiums for older senior citizens
- Public sewerage fee/Rural community sewerage fee

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 counselors

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

May 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.

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 younger than 4 years old, 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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