



Joe's NEWS

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Feature on Measures of Novel Coronavirus Infectious Disease (Extra Edition of the City Magazine "ONOJO")

To prevent the infection from spreading and from getting infected, it is crucial for all residents to take actions to protect the lives with strong will. We request to take preventive measures such as **"refrain from all but essential travel"**, **"wash your hands and practice coughing etiquette"**, and **"avoid the "Three Cs"** (closed spaces with poor ventilation, crowded places with many people nearby and close-contact settings such as close-range conversations) thoroughly. We ask for your continued cooperation.

Being subjected to the state of emergency declaration, until May 6, the prefectural government is implementing emergency measures.

We request all Onojo residents to do the following below.

- ◆ Aside essential outing, please **refrain from nonessential outings**.
- ◆ We request to **reduce contact with by people** working from home (telework), having staggered work hour, and to commute by bicycle.
- ◆ To avoid nonessential traveling, to not have people move across prefectures as much as possible.
- ◆ **Refrain from attending events** that can be associated to spreading the infection.
- ◆ Do not buy up food, medical supplies, and daily necessities.
- ◆ **Avoid the "Three Cs" (Closed spaces, Crowded places, Close-contact settings) proactively.**
- ◆ Please **wash your hands and practice coughing etiquette**.
- ◆ If you think you are infected with the novel coronavirus (COVID-19), please **call and consult with your local public health office "Returnees and potential contacts call center"**.
- ◆ If you have symptoms like fever, cough, and or cold, and going to visit a general practitioner, please call and consult with them before visiting them.
- ◆ For international travel, please follow the guideline issued by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan (MOFA).

To business Operators

We would like to ask business operators such as leisure facilities, universities, cram schools, exercise and amusement facilities, theaters, meeting and exhibition facilities, shopping malls to cooperate with us regarding to the business closures, etc. until Wed, May 6th. (Continued on the right upper column)

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8 points of precaution to take at home if it is suspected that your family member has been infected with novel coronavirus

1. Segregate rooms.

*Infected person should be placed in an own room. If you cannot separate the infected person's room, keep a distance of at least 2 meters from infected person. Also use partitions and curtains, etc.

2. Limit persons responsible for caring for infected person as much as possible.

3. All family members wear masks as much as possible.

4. Wash your hands often and disinfect with alcohol.

5. Ventilate rooms regularly.

6. Disinfect shared surface that touched by hand.

7. Wash dirty linen and clothes.

*Towels, clothing, tableware, chopsticks, spoons, etc., which are used by infected person should be washed as usual.

8. Dispose of garbage in a sealed bag.

*Put used paper tissue and masks in a plastic bag, then seal them when you take them out of the room. After that, wash your hands with soap immediately and disinfect with alcohol.

(Source: Japanese Society for Infection Prevention and Control)

● For detailed information about novel coronavirus, please refer to the HP of Fukuoka Prefecture and Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

Fukuoka Prefecture

<https://www.pref.fukuoka.lg.jp/site/english/>

Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/seisakunitsuite/bunya/newpage_00032.html

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Beware of Novel Coronavirus Infection

●Preventive Measures in Daily Life

Precaution is important. We ask you to do the preventive measures.

- ◇Wash your hands well and frequently. ◇Follow "cough etiquette".
- ◇As to persons who have chronicle diseases and seniors, take extra precaution such as avoiding crowded areas.
- ◇Stay home from school and work if you have symptoms of colds such as fever, etc. Stay home, avoid using public transportation, going out.
- ◇Record your body temperature everyday if symptoms such as fever, etc. start.

●Avoid the "Three Cs"

- ◇Closed spaces with poor ventilation.
- ◇Crowded places with many people nearby.
- ◇Close-contact settings such as close-range conversations.

[As to consultation in foreign language, please contact the number below.](#)

Multilingual Call Center Fukuoka Asian Medical Center TEL:092-286-9595

TRAVEL SUPPORT Kyushu/Yamaguchi CALL CENTER TEL:092-687-6639

●Consultation for Other General Things

The dedicated number for general consultation, consultation about request of business closure to business operators (24 hour-service)

TEL:092-643-3288 FAX:092-643-3697

Telephone Consultation Service by Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare

TEL:0120-565653 (Toll-free) FAX:03-3595-2756

Reception time:9:00am - 9:00pm

There are events which were cancelled or postponed and temporary facility closures to prevent the spread of novel coronavirus infection.

For further information about novel coronavirus, cancellation or postponement of events and temporary facility closures, please refer to the HP of Onojo City or contact us.

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●Consultation for Visiting Medical Institution

'Chikushi Health and Welfare Environment Office (Returnees and potential contacts call center)' provides consultation service for the persons who may have been infected by novel coronavirus. If you have symptoms listed below, please contact 'Chikushi Health and Welfare Environment Office' before visiting a medical institution. If it is suspected that you have been infected with novel coronavirus after the consultation, they will introduce the outpatient clinic for Returnees and potential contacts.

*When you visit the clinic, please wear a mask and avoid using public transportation.

1. Persons who have symptoms of common colds and been having a fever of 37.5°C or over for 4 days or more.

*Including the case that you need to keep taking medicines to reduce your fever.

*As to persons who have *chronicle diseases, seniors and pregnant women, been having a fever of 37.5°C or over for about 2 days.

*Chronicle diseases such as diabetes, heart failure, respiratory diseases including COPD, etc, persons who undergo dialysis, persons who take immune suppressor drug, anticancer drug, etc.

2. Persons who are severely tired and have breathing difficulty.

*Please consult immediately.

Chikushi Health and Welfare Environment Office

TEL:092-707-0524 *Weekday only 8:30am - 5:15pm

Fukuoka Prefectural Public Health Center (Emergency Contact Number)

TEL:092-471-0264 *Night time, Saturday, Sunday and National Holiday

●HP of Onojo City

About Novel Coronavirus

<http://www.city.onojo.fukuoka.jp/s022/010/20200206093749.html>

[Cancellation or Postponement of Events](http://www.city.onojo.fukuoka.jp/d001/20200221121745.html)

<http://www.city.onojo.fukuoka.jp/d001/20200221121745.html>

[Temporary Facility Closures](http://www.city.onojo.fukuoka.jp/d001/0228.html)

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Group Medical Checkup held in June will be cancelled

Group Medical Checkup is held every year from Jun. 2020 to Feb. 2021. As to Group Medical Checkup held in June, it will be cancelled to prevent novel coronavirus infection.

Payment of Motor Vehicle Tax / Light Motor Vehicle Tax

In early May, Notification of Tax Due for 2020 will be sent out to the owner of a motor vehicle or a light motor vehicle (Kei car) as of April 1st. Please pay these taxes by Mon, Jun, 1st, 2020. In case you don't receive the notice by the middle of May, please contact us. Further information, please contact us.

Japanese Classes for Foreign Residents "Kotoba no Koryu Hiroba"

Onojo International Exchange Association is offering beginners' and intermediate Japanese Classes for foreign residents to assist them to live in Japan smoothly. The classes are given at each level from 9:30am to 11:00am and you can communicate with the staff of International Exchange Association in Japanese from 11:00am to 12:00pm. As you can observe a lesson, please contact the association if you are interested in it.

● **Date and time** Saturdays during Sat, May 9th, 2020 - Sat, Mar.13th, 2021
(31 times in total)

*Classes in May: May 9th, May 16th, May 23rd

*Details are on the official website of Onojo City.

<http://www.city.onojo.fukuoka.jp/s022/010/020/010/010/4347.html>

● **Fee** 5,500yen / year

* Please make a full payment on your first day of the class.

* If you join the class in mid-course, your fee will be reduced.

● **Place** Chuo Community Center Kenshushitsu

*10 minutes walk from Nishitetsu Shirakibaru Station or JR Onojo Station.

● **How to Apply** Apply on the first day of the class.

● **Contact**

Onojo International Exchange Association Contact Office
(c/o Local Culture and Industry Promotion Section, Onojo City)

Address: 2-2-1 Akebonomachi, Onojo-shi 816-8510

Phone:092-580-1812 Fax:092-573-7791

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<http://www.city.onojo.fukuoka.jp/030/080/010/index.html>



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Service on water and sewage will not be available on 2nd and 4th Saturdays from May

● Services which will not be available

◇ Payment for water and sewage rates

◇ Start and cancellation of water and sewage usage

*As to payment for water and sewage rates, please pay at convenience stores.

*As to start and cancellation of water and sewage usage, please call us.

Information on Opening Hours

May 7th Onojo Cocoro-no-furusato-kan City Museum will be CLOSED

May 9th Citizen Service Section will be open from 9:30am to 12:30pm

May 11th Citizen Service Section will be open from 9:30am to 12:30pm

*There are cases that the events will be cancelled or postponed depending on the situation of novel coronavirus infection.

*As to information about novel coronavirus, cancellation or postponement of events and temporary facility closures, please refer to the HP of Onojo City or contact us.

Keep your physical strength through stretch and light exercise at home!

Joe's BOX



Don't feel alone. Please email us at sangyo@city.onojo.fukuoka.jp if you have any problems living in Onojo City.

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