

Kakamigahara English News

About the Novel Coronavirus

Most public events were cancelled in March in order to try and prevent the spread of the coronavirus. This may continue into April, or lead to sudden schedule changes and cancellations in the future, circumstances pending. Regardless, it will have lasting effects as many events have been rescheduled or outright cancelled. You can stay abreast of any changes through the city web site (use the QR code for quick access) or by contacting the city Public Relations desk (TEL 058-383-1900).

Protect yourself (and others!) from viral infection through frequent and thorough hand cleaning. Avoid touching surfaces and others then touching your face or eating. Use hand sanitizers. Maintain reasonable distance and avoid crowds or congestion. If you feel ill, please stay away from others and avoid human contact. Stay home. If you require medical care, please contact the Gifu Public Health Center (058-380-3004) or the Gifu Prefectural Consultation Center for Foreign Residents (058-263-8066).

Do not panic and be considerate of those around you, as well as yourself. The Health Management Division can be reached at TEL 058-383-1115.

The Kakamigahara City Hall Tourism and Multicultural Division

You can find us on the 6th floor of the Sangyou Bunka Center. Our hours are 8:30 AM~5:15 PM.

Telephone: 058-383-1426

E-Mail: kia@city.kakamigahara.gifu.jp

Website: www.kia1986.org

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions, comments, or for more information.

Children's Health Services For May:

Times for children health checks are from 13:00~13:30.

Please use the designated location for the area you live in. The areas are:

Sogo Fukushi Kaikan: For those living in the **Naka, Kawashima, Sohara, and Inaba** areas.

Note that the *Higashi Hoken Soudan Center* services those living in the **Unuma** area.

4 months

| Date | Location | For Children Born |
|---------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| May 11 (Mon) | Sogo Fukushi Kaikan | December 1-15 2019 |
| May 12 (Tues) | Sogo Fukushi Kaikan | December 16-31 2019 |
| May 13 (Wed) | Higashi Hoken Soudan Center | December 2019 |

Includes physical

11 months

| Date | Location | For Children Born |
|--------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| May 27 (Wed) | Sogo Fukushi Kaikan | June 2019 |
| May 29 (Fri) | Higashi Hoken Soudan Center | June 2019 |

Physical and dental inspection

1 year 6 months (18 months)

| Date | Location | For Children Born |
|---------------|-----------------------------|--------------------|
| May 18 (Mon) | Sogo Fukushi Kaikan | October 1-15 2018 |
| May 19 (Tues) | Sogo Fukushi Kaikan | October 16-31 2018 |
| May 20 (Wed) | Higashi Hoken Soudan Center | October 2018 |

Includes physical and dental check

3 years

| Date | Location | For Children Born |
|---------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|
| May 22 (Fri) | Higashi Hoken Soudan Center | April 2017 |
| May 25 (Mon) | Sogo Fukushi Kaikan | April 1-15 2017 |
| May 26 (Tues) | Sogo Fukushi Kaikan | April 16-31 2017 |

Includes physical, vision and hearing check, urine exam.

For more information contact the Kakamigahara Kenko Kanrika at TEL 058-383-1115

OR the Higashi Hoken Soudan Center (Unuma) at TEL 058-379-7888

- **As of February 2019, it is possible to make appointments for the office online. Please check the city news and web page for more info and procedures.**

City Hall Holiday / After Hours and Services for April :

The Kakamigahara City Hall will have the following irregular hours for the following services in April. Please use the basement entrance located on the North Side of the Main building.

Please be aware that city functions and office hours may change in an emergency.

| Division | Evening Consultations | Holiday hours | Telephone |
|---|---|-------------------------------|--------------|
| National Health Insurance (1 st floor, Medical insurance Division) | April 9, 10 (Thurs-Fri) 5:15~8:00PM | April 11 (Sat) 1:00~5:00PM | 058-383-1112 |
| City Tax (2 nd floor, Tax Division) | April 9, 10 (Thurs-Fri) 5:15~8:00PM | | 058-383-4773 |

Major Event Changes:

The Sakura Matsuri (April 4-5) has been cancelled, all events.

Junior World Cup Women's Hockey Tournament (April 6-12). This will be rescheduled but the date has not yet been finalized.

For more info (Sakura Matsuri): 058-383-9925, for Hockey, please call the Sports Division at 058-383-1231

Attention all Elementary School First Year Students

Be aware that from April the cream-colored Recipient of Medical Care for children (*fukushi iryo hi jyukyushasho*) will be replaced with a new light blue version. They will be sent automatically to you by post (you will receive the certificate and a correction form- if changes are required, use that form and make the corrections IN RED INK and return it to the Health Management Department or Citizen's Service Center by May 7th).

If you have any questions or require more information, please feel free to contact the Health Management Division at TEL 058-383-1128

National Pension Fees For 2020

The monthly payment for fiscal year 2020 will be equal to 16,540 yen. Payments can be made as usual (including an entire year at once) at most convenience stores, post office, etc., Payments can be made in advance, as well. The payments may be done monthly, half a year, 1 year, or 2 years in advance. Payments may also be arranged similarly through your credit card or financial institution to be automatically paid. Advance payment will give you a slight discounted rate, and doing so will yield a total discount of 3,520 yen for the year (or 15,840 per month). You will need to make the proper arrangements to have them deducted automatically.

Students or those in a situation where they cannot pay may have the payments held or waived temporarily; please contact the pension office or visit (with your ID, proof of enrollment, and pension record book).

For more information, please contact the Gifu Minami Pension Office at TEL 058-273-6161.

Kakamigahara International Association (KIA) Study Courses

KIA will be offering the following language courses for fiscal Year 2020:

English Conversation (2020 May 12- 2021 March 10)

English conversation has three levels:

Beginners (1) Tuesday 9:00-10:00 AM

Intermediate (3) Tuesday 10:00-11:00 AM; Wednesday 9:00-10:00 AM , 11:00- Noon

Veterans (2) Tuesday 11:00-Noon, Wednesday 10:00-11:00 AM

32 classes. Up to 30 members per class (35 for Beginner only), price is 15,000 yen (includes 2,000 yen for KIA membership)

Chinese for beginners (2020 May 20-2021 March 10)

Wednesday nights, 7:15~8:45 (20 classes, 2 times a month)

Up to 20 students, price 16,000 yen (12,000 for KIA members or Board of Commerce members)

Korean for beginners (2020 May 13- 2021 February 3)

Wednesday nights, 7:15~8:45 (20 classes, 2 times a month)

Up to 20 students, price 16,000 yen (12,000 for KIA members or Board of Commerce members)

Application is until April 20. Please send your name, address, phone number, postal code by e-mail to kia@kakamigahara.gifu.jp, postcard to 504-8555 Naka Sakura Machi 1-69, City Hall, Kankoukouryuka KIA, Sangyou Bunka Center 6F, or by FAX 058-389-0765. Be sure to include the title of the course, and for English classes please select the level, day, and time. For more info please call the KIA desk at TEL 058-383-1426.