

1 Preparation for the COVID-19 vaccination

Tochigi City is preparing for vaccination for COVID-19. Details of vaccination will be announced as soon as they are decided.

For now, this is all of the information we have as of February 1st.

First of all, vaccination will start with elderly people aged 65 and over who are at higher risk of complications due to the virus. The number of people that can be vaccinated will be gradually increased.

The cost of the vaccination is free and the vaccine will be given twice.

In addition, for the time being, we will focus on mass vaccination in large places where this is possible.

The mass vaccinations will be held at city facilities.

The vaccination will be scheduled through a reservation system by phone or the Internet. A "vaccination ticket" will be sent from the city hall, so please make a reservation when it arrives.

A call center for vaccination consultations and vaccination reservations is scheduled to open in early March.

As soon as the call center system is ready, we will inform you through public announcements and our website.

Again, all vaccination costs are free since the costs will be covered by the government. There is no reservation fee or vaccination fee.

Lastly, please beware of fraud.

2 About opening of city hall services on Sundays

Certain services will be available at the Tochigi City Hall main government building on Sundays in March and April, which is a time of year when there are many residents attending new schools or moving.

The dates of availability are March, 14th, 21st and 28th, as well as April 4th and 11th and 18th.

Opening times are from 8:30 am to 5:15 pm.

The reception will be opened in the Citizen's Life Section, Insurance Medical Section, Municipal Tax Section, Property Tax Section, and Tax Collection Section.

From April, due to the review of the organization of the city hall, the name of the sections will change and the services of the general branch office may be consolidated to just the main office of the city hall.

The new names of the will be the Insurance and Pension Section for the former Insurance and Medical Section, and the Tax Section for the former Municipal Property Tax Sections.

Please come in on Sundays as needed.

3 About documentations for dogs

Dog registration and rabies vaccine certificates are currently accepted at each general branch office. However, from April, these documents will only be accepted at the Environmental Division on the 2nd floor of the city hall in the main government building.

If you have a dog, these are the following requirements, so please be sure to complete the procedures.

When your dog gets vaccinated against rabies at a veterinary hospital, a certificate will be issued.

Dog owners are required to be vaccinated against rabies once a year. As long as you are at a veterinary hospital in the city, you can get a certificate at the veterinary hospital when you get the shot.

When you get a new dog, dogs over 91 days old are required to register at the city or town where you live. After completing the registration procedure, you will receive a tag with the registration number of the dog written on it. If your dog gets lost, they can be returned to you thanks to the tag.

If you change your address in the city, give your dog to someone else, or your dog passes away, please be sure to complete another procedure at the proper location.

If you move out of the city, the new procedure should be carried out in the city or town where you are moving to. Please submit the tag issued in Tochigi City to the new city and make a new tag.

Thank you for your cooperation.

4 Documents for small vehicles

People who own small vehicles, motorcycles, and motorized bicycles are required to pay the small vehicle tax every year to the city or town where they live.

The small vehicle tax is required to be submitted by the owner starting April 1st. In the event of theft or transfer of your small vehicle, you will still be notified to pay the tax if you do not report the scrapped car, address change, or name change.

If there has been a change, please complete the notification procedure by the end of March.