

1. End of year and new year business Information

The Tochigi City Hall will be closed from December 29th to January 3rd, 2022. In addition, the certificate issuance service at convenience stores will also not be available.

The Tochigi City International Association will also be closed during the same period as City Hall. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

Garbage collection near the end of year and new year period will be carried out according to the collection calendar, and there will be no collection on January 1, 2 and 3. Please do not leave your garbage at the garbage station on days when there is no garbage collection.

2. Beware of Influenza

Compared to a normal cold, influenza causes more systemic symptoms and can lead to bronchitis and pneumonia, making it more serious in some cases.

Each and every one of us should practice preventive measures such as hand washing, wearing a mask, and cough etiquette to avoid contracting and spreading the disease.

Since there is a possibility that influenza and COVID-19 will spread simultaneously, we should be even more careful during this time.

The influenza vaccine and the COVID-19 vaccine can be given two weeks after one another.

If you think you have been exposed, do not force yourself to go to school or work. If you have a fever, call your health care provider for advice.

3. Vaccination against COVID-19

The mass vaccination for COVID-19 in Tochigi City ended on November 26.

Those who wish to receive the first and second doses of the vaccine in the future should directly contact medical institutions that offer the vaccination.

At this time, the following medical institutions are available for vaccination: "Eguchi Internal Medicine Clinic," "Yokoyama Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Clinic," and "Kassemba Clinic". The Yokoyama Internal Medicine and Pediatrics Clinic accepts reservations online.

The city will send out the third vaccination coupons starting with medical personnel. The third vaccination is for people who have been vaccinated more than 8 months ago with the second dose. Please wait for the information to be sent to you when the time for you to receive your third dose arrives.

4. About the Winter Illumination

From December 1 to January 10, 2022, you can see the gorgeous illumination called "Pageant of Light and Sound" from the east exit of Tobu Shin-Ohirashita Station to the area around Platz Ohira. The lighting hours are from 5 p.m. to 10 p.m. Please keep your distance from others while enjoying the illumination this year.

In addition, "Uzuma Bamboo Lighting" is being held on the Tomoe River, which runs through the center of the city, until February 28, 2012.

This is made by making holes in bamboo with designed patterns, and lights are turned on from the inside of the bamboo. There are 80 lights created by the boatmen of the Kuranomachi Pleasure Boats and students of Tochigi Technical High School. The lighting hours are from around 4:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Please go and enjoy the winter night sky while viewing the fantastic bamboo lights.