

## 1. Information from Tochigi Tax Office

If you are going to submit a final income tax return to Tochigi Tax Office for the 4th year of Reiwa(2022), please go to the large hall of Tochigi Chamber of Commerce and Industry. The term is from February 16th through March 15th. And it is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In case you are foreign residents and you have not told the workplace about your depending relatives living in foreign countries, you can apply for an exemption for non-resident depending relatives

Depending relatives are defined here as taxpayer's children, parents, siblings, grandchildren, grandparents, taxpayer's spouses, the spouse's parents, the spouse's grandparents, and the spouse's siblings.

If you submit a final income tax return, you need a tax withholding slip, a photocopy of your residence card, a declaration concerning type of residency status, a photocopy your bankbook, and so on.

Besides, you need the documents concerning relatives, which certify that you have depending relatives in foreign countries and the documents concerning remittances. By 'documents concerning relatives', we mean papers issued by foreign governments or local governments, that is to say, a full copy of your family register, a birth certificate, or a marriage certificate. 'Documents concerning remittances' are defined as a photocopy of foreign remittance request forms, credit card statements, and so forth.

If the documents are written in foreign languages, you need a translated counterpart in the Japanese language.

When foreign residents submit a final income tax return, they don't have to put their seal on the application form, but just your signature on the form will do.

When you enter the site of final income tax return, you need 'a numbered ticket' which indicates the admission time. Those tickets are distributed at the site on that day.

In order to prevent the infection of COVID-19, please make sure to wear facemasks and use hand sanitizer when entering. Temperature check is also requested at the entrance.

We'd like to ask you for your cooperation in preventing the new corona infection.

## 2. Notice of Child Allowance to support child-rearing families

Tochigi City provides ‘Temporary Special Benefit’ for households with children under the influence of COVID-19.

Those who are raising children from babies under the age of one to high school seniors are to receive 100 thousand yen worth payment for each child.

The City of Tochigi provided each child with cash benefits of 100 thousand yen at one time on December 23rd.

Tochigi City Office has sent a notice to the people covered by the benefits. Those who has been given child-care allowance don’t need to apply for it again.

To those who have children both younger than junior high school students and senior high school students, the money for the senior high school students was transferred on December 23rd. But those who are rearing only high school students need to apply for it. And, if you are parents who have newborn babies born later than October in 2021, the breadwinner of the family needs to apply for it.

Applications will be accepted from January next year, and the benefits will be provided in turn.

For further information in detail about the application process and the deadline, please contact the Child-rearing Support Division. Call: 0282-21-2222.

### 3. Preventive Measures against COVID-19

Tochigi Prefecture's alert level of COVID-19 is below the lowest Phase 1 now. In Japan, the number of newly infected people seems to be small. But the omicron coronavirus variant is spreading out all over the world.

The omicron variant of COVID-19 is highly infectious and characterized by its 'break through infection' or fully vaccinated persons being reinfected.

The New Year's holiday is the most important traditional event in Japan. And foreign residents may have an opportunity to get together at the events or festivals to greet New Year. Please be careful not to stand in big clusters.

Above all, when you are in poor shape, please do not participate in the events or dinner parties. Or, try not to take part in any events or parties where you get together with a lot of people or you speak in a loud voice.

COVID-19 has not been settled yet. It is infectious even after you have been vaccinated twice or more. We beseech that you take fundamentally and completely preventive measures against the infectious diseases such as wearing facemasks, using hand sanitizer, and ventilating your rooms.