

1. About the 11th Utamaro Festival

From October 15 to October 23, the "Utamaro Festival" will be held around the city with Kura-no-Machi Boulevard at its center.

The "Utamaro Festival" is an event associated with Utamaro Kitagawa, a famous ukiyoe artist associated with Tochigi City. during the festival period, there will be exhibitions and other events related to Utamaro and Tochigi.

The main event of the "Utamaro Festival" is the "Utamaro Dochu" on October 15, in which beautifully costumed actors make an appearance.

Participants, selected from the public, dress up as oiran (or courtesans) and other roles and parade through the Kauemon-cho street, starting from in front of the Guidance Center in Kauemon-cho.

Due to COVID measures, the event won't be held at the usual time and will be scaled down.

We ask everyone going to the event to wear masks, disinfect their hands, and avoid being in close quarters with each other.

2. if you think you have been infected with COVID

If you have symptoms that make you suspect that you have been infected with COVID, contact your doctor, a clinic, or call the consultation line set up by the prefecture or city. You can also contact the public health center.

If you tested positive for COVID, the medical institution or the public health center where you were tested will send a text message or call your cell phone with information on medical treatment.

The place of treatment will be decided according to each individual's situation. If hospitalization is not necessary, the patient will be treated at an overnight care facility or at home.

During the recuperation period, body temperature and oxygen saturation will be measured daily and other health monitoring will be conducted. Do not leave the house during home treatment.

Once the recuperation period is over, the patient may return to work or study. There are no restrictions regarding daily life.

Those who need a medical care certificate can obtain an electronic version from the My HER-SYS health management system. However, only those who have undergone PCR and antigen tests and have been judged by a physician to have COVID will be able to use it.

For those who cannot view or use My HER-SYS, the health center will issue a medical care certificate. Please contact the public health center.

3. About Japanese language classes of Tochigi City International Association

Tochigi City International Association's Japanese language classes are currently held on Saturdays at Ohira Community Center and on Sundays at the Fifth District Community Center. In addition, a new Japanese language class will be open to the public from November.

The new Japanese language class will be held every Wednesday from 10:00 to 11:30 a.m. at Kyokuto Tochigi Kura no Machi Gakushukan.

Here, students can learn expressions and phrases commonly used in Japanese daily life and work.

Also, starting in November, a Beginner's Class will be offered for complete beginners who have just arrived in Japan and do not know hiragana or katakana.

Those who wish to take the class are requested to apply to the Tochigi International Association at 0282-25-3792.