

1. Partial Subsidy for Childhood Influenza Vaccinations

The City will partially subsidize the cost of pediatric influenza vaccinations for children with an address in Tochigi City aged 6 months or older through the 3rd grade of junior high school.

The period of coverage is from October 1 to February 28 next year. Reservations are required at cooperating medical institutions in the city.

The number of subsidies is twice during the period for children 6 months and older to elementary school age, and once during the period for children from 1st grade of elementary school to 3rd grade of junior high school.

The subsidy amount is 2,500 yen per vaccination. Please pay the cost of the vaccination minus 2,500 yen at the reception of the medical institution.

In addition, subsidies are also available for the COVID and influenza vaccinations for the elderly.

Among those eligible, those in households receiving public assistance may receive subsidies for their out-of-pocket expenses, up to a certain maximum amount upon application after the vaccination.

2. Opening of Tochigi Kura-no-Machi Voluntary Night School

The "Tochigi Kura-no-Machi Voluntary Night School" run by the Tochigi International Association will be open to "whomever, whenever, forever".

The school will be held twice a month on Sundays from 9:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. The first session will be held on October 6, with an opening ceremony, a briefing, and a counseling session.

The dates from October to December are October 6 and 27, November 17 and 24, and December 1 and 22.

The venue will be Kirara no Mori Tochigi Kura no Machi Gakushukan.

The Tochigi Kura-no-Machi Night School is open to anyone who wishes to learn. There is no entrance fee or tuition.

The school is based on individualized learning, and students can learn basic elementary and junior high school subjects such as Japanese, arithmetic, and English.

Our volunteers, who are diverse in age and nationality, will assist you in your studies.

Elementary and junior high school students, as well as those planning to enter Japanese high schools, are encouraged to participate.

3. About the Tochigi Autumn Festival

The Tochigi Autumn Festival, Tochigi City's largest biennial event, will be held on November 1 (Friday), 2 (Saturday), and 3 (Sunday), mainly along Kura-no-Machi Main Street.

On the 1st, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:15 p.m., the "Children's Float Festival" is held with the aim of allowing many children in Tochigi City to experience the tradition and pass it on to the next generation. Approximately 2,300 third and fourth grade students from all elementary schools in Tochigi City will participate in the festival and cheerfully parade around the venue.

On the 2nd and 3rd, Tochigi's floats will be paraded around each town, Tochigi Station, and Shin-Tochigi Station starting from 9:00 a.m. From 1:30 p.m., Tochigi's floats will gather on Kura-no-Machi Odori Street.

Tochigi's floats are called Edo-type Ningyo Dashi (or Edo doll floats). It is definitely worth coming to see the beautiful floats, which were made more than 150 years ago during the Edo and Meiji periods, as they parade through the streets.

Starting at 5:30 p.m., the lanterns on the floats will be lit, creating a magical sight different from the daytime.

On the day of the festival, traffic regulations will be enforced along Kura-no-Machi Street and other streets depending on the operation of the floats. No traffic

will be allowed within the restricted area. Please be aware that traffic congestion is expected.

Thank you for your cooperation.