

1. About the “Myna Emergency” Trial Project

“Myna Emergency” is a system that allows paramedics to use a patient’s My Number Health Insurance Card, which is a My Number Card registered for use as a health insurance card, to view medical information. This nationwide trial project will begin on October 1.

By simply showing your My Number Card to paramedics, they can see your medical history, prescription records, and hospital visit history. This reduces the burden on patients to explain their condition and makes it possible to receive more appropriate treatment.

To use Myna Emergency, you must have a My Number Card and have completed the registration for health insurance use. You must also show your card to the paramedics and give verbal consent for them to view your medical information.

The trial project will run until March 31, 2026. Please remember to carry your My Number Card with you in case of emergency.

2. About the Subsidy for COVID-19 and Influenza Vaccination Costs

From October 1, Tochigi City will provide partial subsidies for residents receiving certain vaccinations. Residents with a certificate of residence in Tochigi City who are 65 years or older at the time of vaccination, or those between 60 and 64 who have specified underlying health conditions, can receive vaccinations for influenza and COVID-19 at participating medical institutions in the city. The subsidy amount is 3,500 yen for the elderly influenza vaccination and 12,100 yen for the COVID-19 vaccination. Please note that the vaccinations are not completely free. You will need to pay the remaining cost after the subsidy is applied at the medical institution. The personal cost varies depending on the clinic. The subsidy period lasts until March 31, 2026.

In addition, children with a certificate of residence in Tochigi City, from 6 months old up to the 3rd year of junior high school, can receive a subsidy for influenza vaccination from October 1 to February 28, 2026, at participating medical institutions in the city. The subsidy amount is 2,500 yen per vaccination. Children from 6 months to preschool age may receive up to two subsidized doses during this period, and children from 1st year of elementary school to 3rd year of junior high school may receive one subsidized dose. As with adults, there will still be a personal cost, and the amount varies depending on the clinic.

Among those eligible, households receiving public assistance may apply for reimbursement of the personal cost portion after vaccination.

3. About the 14th Utamaro Festival

Tochigi City has a close connection to the world-famous ukiyo-e artist Kitagawa Utamaro. It is said that during the Edo period, Utamaro stayed in Tochigi City and created works here.

From October 11 to 19, events related to Kitagawa Utamaro will take place around the Kurano-machi main street area.

The main event is the “Utamaro Procession,” which will be held on Saturday, October 18, starting at 1:30 PM at the Uzuma River venue in Yamato-cho. This event recreates the atmosphere of the Edo period when Utamaro was active. Participants selected through public applications will play roles such as courtesans and other Edo-period figures, riding small boats along the Uzuma River.

This is a special event unique to Tochigi City, so please come and see it.