

OKINAWA CITY

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Announcements

▶41st THE ROCK ISLAND PEACEFUL LOVE ROCK FESTIVAL

ピースフルラブロックフェスティバル

2026.7.11 (Sat) Start 13:00-Koza Music Town

Admission FREE!

MC: MOBILE PRINCE

Performers :

Chaka Land / LOS LATINANCHU

JET / Kamiwazu with Hirotaka Yokome / REVERSE

Todoroki/ SS Company / PRYZM

Organizers: Okinawa City/Okinawa City Tourism Product Associate

▶Disaster Preparedness Tips

防災め知識

A "Storm Warning" tells you it is a time to Action!"

「暴風警報」発表は「行動への合図」!

Make Smart Use of the buffer time

When "Storm Warning" Are Issued

Did you know that "Storm Warning" are issued approximately 3 to 6 hours before storm begin? This is to ensure there is "enough time" to complete evacuations and make final checks on safety measures before the storm begin.

"A storm warning has been issued."



3 to 6 hours before storm begin.

Immediately after a warning is issued, the wind and rain may not yet feel particularly strong. However, do not assume that "it's still okay"; instead, treat this announcement as a "sign to take action immediately." Make the following preparations before the storm hits in full force.

- Final outdoor check: Put away any items that might scatter and double-check that everything is securely fastened.
- "Early" Evacuation: Check the latest weather reports, and if there is a risk, move to a safe location before the storm intensifies.

Alerts are not just a reminder—they are a signal to protect your life and the lives of your family. Make wise use of this time buffer and make it a habit to act early.

Let's take action early, before the storm hits.

Announcement issued ↓				→ Storm starts here			
Before dawn	At dawn	In the morning	Before noon	After noon	In the evening	Early evening	Late at night
Period of Strong Winds				Period of Storm			

(Example) If storm is expected to begin "after noon," a storm warning will be issued in the "morning."

Disaster Prevention Management Office Ext.5602

Total Population: 141,461

[Japanese Population] Male: 67,082 Female: 71,705
[Foreign Population (69Countries)] Male: 1,581 Female: 1,093

The Okinawa City Hall's *Bunka Geino Ka* (the Culture & Traditional Arts Division) selects excerpts from the city's public relations newsletter (*Koho Okinawa*) and published them in English in hopes of better serving our community of residents who may have difficulty reading or understanding Japanese. **These articles are translated by the Culture & Traditional Arts Division staff and are provided for reference only. Administrative services are provided in Japanese only (unless otherwise indicated).** For English support, please email: kokusai@city.okinawa.lg.jp. You can also view monthly issues of the newsletters and other information about living in Okinawa City by clicking the ENGLISH/ link on the Okinawa City website: <http://www.city.okinawa.okinawa.jp/>

▶ Please Check Your Child's Vaccination History

予防接種歴のご確認を

The schedule for your child's routine vaccinations is determined based on factors such as the age at which children are most susceptible to infectious diseases.

If the vaccination deadline passes, your child will no longer be eligible for free vaccinations covered by public funds. Please take advantage of the summer vacation to review your vaccination records in your Parent-Child (Mother-Child) Health Handbook (親子(母子)健康手帳) and double-check to ensure no vaccinations have been missed.

Those who wish to receive the vaccination, including registered foreign residents, must be registered as Okinawa City resident as of the day of vaccination.

Vaccinations Often Overlooked: 忘れがちな予防接種:

Vaccine Name	Target Group	Deadline	Number of Doses
Measles and Rubella (麻疹・風しん) Combination (MR, 2nd dose)	Born between April 2, 2020, and April 1, 2021	March 31, 2027	1 dose
Japanese Encephalitis (日本脳炎) (2nd dose)	Ages 9 to under 13	The day before their 13th birthday	1 dose
DT (Diphtheria and Tetanus)	Ages 11 to under 13	The day before their 13th birthday	1 dose
HPV Vaccine	Girls equivalent to 6th grade through 1st year of high school	Until the end of the fiscal year in which the child turns 16	2 or 3 doses

Before Getting Vaccinated:

- Since the types and schedules of vaccinations differ between Japan and overseas (including military bases), the vaccination history of the recipient must be verified at the reception desk in advance.
- Please bring your Residence Card with you to the medical facility when receiving the vaccination.
- Please make an appointment in advance with a designated medical facility before getting vaccinated.
- If you do not have a pre-vaccination questionnaire or vaccination record, please contact the information below.

【Contact】 Child Consultation-Health Division (Ext. 2232・2233)

▶ Current Status Report for Tuition Coverage 保育無償化の現況届

To continue receiving tuition coverage (facility usage benefits), you must submit a "Current Status Report 現況届" every year. If you fail to submit this report, you will no longer be eligible for benefits starting in August. For those using municipal kindergartens, after-school care services may be suspended. Please be sure to submit the report by the deadline.

Submission Period: August 3 (Mon) – August 31 (Mon)

Eligible Facilities and Services:

Non-approved nursery schools / temporary childcare services / childcare for sick children / Family Support Center services / after-school care services (municipal kindergartens, private kindergartens, and certified childcare institution) * Notifications are scheduled to be sent to eligible individuals around the end of July. Please prepare the necessary documents as soon as possible.

【Contact】 Child Care & Kindergarten Division (Ext. 3173・3174)

▶ Application for Developmental Support Childcare 発達支援保育の利用申請

Eligible Daycare Period: April 1, 2027 – March 31, 2028

Application Period: Wednesday, July 1 – Friday, July 31

Hours: 9:30 AM – 11:30 AM / 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

Application Office: Child Care & Kindergarten Division

Eligibility: Children residing in the city who meet all of the following criteria

- Children with delays or imbalances in physical or mental development (including children requiring medical care)
- Children whose parents are unable to provide childcare due to employment or illness
- Children capable of participating in group childcare who require developmental support

Selection Process: After application, consultations and developmental assessments will be conducted. Support eligibility will be determined following deliberation and review by the Okinawa City Developmental Support Childcare Council.

* Since this is an application for developmental support childcare, a separate application for enrollment in a childcare facility will be required at a later date.

* Admission may be deferred depending on facility capacity and staff availability.

Children currently enrolled in a licensed Nursery schools who wish to apply for developmental support childcare should consult with and apply through their current nursery school. Children already utilizing developmental support childcare do not need to reapply.

【Contact】 Child Care & Kindergarten Division (Ext.3139)



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▶ Regarding the Mailing of Eligibility Confirmation Documents, etc. 資格確認書等の発送について

Your National Health Insurance Eligibility Confirmation Document(国民健康保険資格確認書) or Notice of Eligibility Information(資格情報のお知らせ) will be mailed during July 2026.

*This document includes the cost-sharing rates effective from August, 2026.



【Contact】 National Health Insurance Division (Ext. 2116・2106)

To Those Who Have Overdue Insurance Premiums:

If you continuously overdue premiums without arranging a payment plan, you may be required to pay the full cost of medical services at medical facilities (which would be subject to special medical care fees).

Please note that we have mailed advance notices to those apply. If you have received a notice, please contact us immediately.

Age	Possession of My Number Health Insurance Card	Documents to be Mailed
Up to 69 Years Old	None	Eligibility Confirmation Document(資格確認書)
	Yes	Notice of Eligibility Information (資格情報のお知らせ) *Documents will not be resent to those who have already received them in the past
70–74 Years Old	Yes	Notice of Eligibility Information*
	None	Eligibility Confirmation Document*

【Contact】 National Health Insurance Division (Ext. 2119・2127)

▶ Mailing of National Health Insurance Premium Notices 国民健康保険料の納付通知書発送

“Notices for National Health Insurance premiums 国民健康保険料の通知書” are mailed around July 20 each year. The first payment deadline is Friday, July 31. Since there is little time between the arrival of the notice and the deadline, please feel free to contact us if you would like to know the premium amount in advance.

※ As a general rule, premium amounts can only be disclosed to the “head of household” or “members of the same household.” To verify your identity, please have your identification documents ready when visiting our office, or have your eligibility certificate(資格確認書) or similar documents ready when calling.

Please Consult Us Early Regarding Payment

If you have unavoidable circumstances that make it difficult to pay by the deadline, please consult us as soon as possible. We will work with you to explore options such as installment payments or premium reductions based on your situation.

※ If you delay applying for a premium reduction, the amount of the reduction may change.

【Contact】 National Health Insurance Division (Ext.2108・2121・2122)

▶ Exemptions and Deferrals of National Pension Premiums 国民年金保険料の免除・納付猶予

The National Pension is an important system that not only helps you prepare for retirement but also protects you and your family in the event of unforeseen circumstances, such as disability or death. If you leave your premiums unpaid, you may not be able to receive these benefits. If you are having difficulty paying your premiums, please consider applying for exemptions or deferrals, such as the “Premium Exemption System 保険料免除制度” or the “Premium Deferral System 納付猶予制度(for those under 50).”

Benefits of Exemption and Deferral

The period for which an exemption or deferral is approved counts toward the “10 years (120 months)” required to qualify for pension benefits.

Even when you face financial difficulties, obtaining an exemption helps ensure your future eligibility for benefits.

Applications for the FY 2026 will be accepted starting Wednesday, July 1.

Exemption Period: Payment for July 2026 – June 2027

*Since the previous year’s income is used as the assessment criterion, please file your tax return first if you have not already done so.

*You can also consult us regarding exemption applications for the past two years.

【Contact】 Koza Pension Agency TEL:098-933-2267

National Pension Plan Administration Section, City Residential Division (Ext.2133・2134)

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▶ Reminder: Tax Payments Due in July

Property Tax (固定資産税) – 2nd term / Nursing Care Insurance Premiums (介護保険料) – 2nd term / National Health Insurance Premiums (国民健康保険料) – 1st term / Medical Insurance Premiums for the Elderly (後期高齢者医療保険料) – 1st term
Payment due date and direct debit date: July 31(Fri)

Current Status Report for Child Rearing Allowance and Special Child Rearing Allowance 児扶・特児手当の現況届

Recipients of the Child Rearing Allowance (児童扶養手当) and Special Child Rearing Allowance (特別児童扶養手当) are required to submit a “Current Status Report (Income Status Report)” every year. Failure to submit this report will result in the suspension of your benefits, so please be sure to submit it by the deadline.
As a general rule, submissions must be made by mail.

Starting this fiscal year, in-person interviews in the Grand Hall on the 2nd basement floor of City Hall, as well as evening and holiday office hours, will no longer be available. Please complete the procedure by mail.

Submission Period:

[Child Rearing Allowance 児童扶養手当] August 3 (Mon) – August 31 (Mon)

[Special Child Rearing Allowance 特別児童扶養手当] August 3 (Mon) – September 4 (Fri)

- * Submission must be made by the recipient personally (proxies are not permitted).
- * Those whose benefits have been suspended due to income restrictions must also submit the forms.
- * If you fail to submit the forms for two consecutive years, you will lose your eligibility to receive benefits.
- * Please check the “Notice お知らせ” to be sent in July for details on the required documents.

[Contact] Children's Welfare Division (Ext. 3196・3197)

▶ Subsidy for Expenses Related to Sending Students Outside the Prefecture 児童・生徒県外派遣費補助金

The City Board of Education provides subsidies to cover a portion of the expenses incurred when participating in cultural activities or athletic competitions—conducted as part of school education—at tournaments held outside the prefecture or on remote islands within the prefecture.

Eligibility: Students enrolled in municipal junior high schools and students residing within the city who are registered as athletes in accordance with the competition guidelines. *Students receiving similar subsidies from other municipalities are NOT eligible.

Application Period: April 1 to the end of March of the following year.

*Please note that the program will end once the budget is exhausted.

[Contact] Educational Affairs Division TEL: 098-937-6602

▶ FY 2026 Grant-Type Scholarship 令和8年度給付型奨学金

We are accepting applications for the FY 2026 Grant-Type Scholarship for individuals who, despite having the motivation to do so, face financial difficulties in pursuing higher education at universities or other institutions.

Scholarship: Enrollment Preparation Grant (up to 300,000 yen)

* This grant covers expenses corresponding to enrollment fees and facility maintenance fees payable to universities or other institutions during the enrollment process.

* Starting in FY 2026, this scholarship is also available to students enrolling in universities or other institutions outside the prefecture.

Application Deadline: Friday, February 26, 2027

[First Application Deadline] Friday, August 7 [Second Application Deadline] Friday, October 30

*Funding is limited, so please apply as soon as possible.

※Requirements:

-Applicants must be registered resident of Okinawa City.

-Applicants must have been registered as residents of Okinawa City for at least one year as of the application date (and must receive a decision on their entering school during the FY 2026).

-After the document screening, successful candidates will be invited to an interview (conducted in Japanese only).

[Contact] Educational General Affairs Division (Ext.2712)

**Okinawa City Library News**

図書館

1) Regular Storytime Sessions Storytelling (with picture books) and fingerplays, etc.

■ Date & Time: July 11, 18* and 25 (Sat) 3:00 PM~*Hosted by the YuiYui Storytelling Volunteers

■ Location: Storytime Room(おはなしの部屋)

2) Book Start (for 9~10-month-olds)

■ Date & Time: July 12 (Sun) 9:30 AM – 12:30 PM

■ Location: Learning Room(まなびの部屋)

Address: 2-28-1 Chuo, Okinawa City BC KOZA (Old Korinza Mall) (1F) TEL: 098-929-4919

Website: <https://www.city.okinawa.okinawa.jp/k064-001/kosodate/shakaikyoku/library/lib/index.html>



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Email: kipokinawa@gmail.com

Mon-Fri :10:00-19:00/ **Sat**: 10:00~ 17:00

*Closed on Sundays and Japanese holidays.



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