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Okinawa City Hall Administrative News for Registered Residents

OKINAWA CITY Newsletter

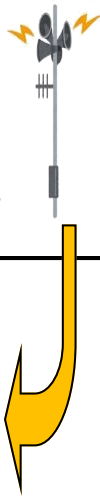
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Announcements

▶ National Early Warning System (J-Alert) Drill

Jアラート全国一斉情報伝達試験実施
On **June 3 (Wed) around 11:00 a.m.**,
(back up date is (Wed) 1st July) the Fire and
Disaster Management Agency will conduct a J-
Alert system test. The announcement will be
broadcast through the wireless “disaster preven-
tion speakers” set throughout Okinawa City.



Announcement/ chime +

This is a test of J-Alert

“**korewa J-Arato no tesuto desu**” x 3

This is Okinawa City Hall Disaster Prevention

“**Kochira wa bosai Okinawa shiyakusho**”

Division
desu”

+ chime

This system (J-Alert) enables us to receive instant
information about earthquakes, tsunamis, and other
emergencies via satellite.

Contact: Disaster Prevention Section

Ext. 2046 · 2047

▶ Temporary Limitation of issue at Convenience store コンビニ交付の休止

Due to tax system maintenance, you are unable to issue
certificates at convenience store on the following date.

Date

Between May 28 (Thu) to 29 (Fri) All day.
Closed for all service.

Between May 30 (Sat) to 31 (Sun) All day.
Income Certificate 所得証明書, Income Taxation Certificate
所得課税証明書

Closed for tax documentations.

Contact: Shimin Ka (Residential Division) Ext. 3121

▶ Subsidy Program for Purchase of Wigs and Breast Prosthetics: ウィッグ・乳房補正用具購入費助成制度

To help cancer patients balance treatment and social participation, we subsidize a portion of the cost of purchasing prosthetic devices such as wigs and breast prosthetics that complement the changes in appearance caused by cancer treatment.

Conditions for Eligibility:

- The applicant must have an address in Okinawa City at the time of application.
- The applicant must be undergoing or have undergone treatment for cancer and is in need of a prosthetic device to complement the change in appearance due to hair loss or mastectomy.
- The applicant is not receiving any other grants for the prosthetic device for which you are applying.
- The applicant must not have received a grant from the Cancer Patient Appearance Care Support Program (がん患者アピアランスケア支援事業) in Okinawa Prefecture in the past.

Eligible Equipment for This Subsidy:

Wigs/ Breast Prosthetics (left side)/ Breast Prosthetics (right side)

- The amount of the subsidy is up to 20,000 yen for each item.
- One-time subsidy for each applicant. *This is same to the application which expenses below the maximum amount.

* Please understand that the subsidy will be closed when the amount to be awarded is reached.
* This subsidy for FY 2026 applies to the items which applicant purchase on April 1, 2026 or after. If you already purchased the items before March 31st 2026, please apply within 90 days since you purchased. However, for assistive devices purchased by the end of December 2026, please submit your application by January 29, 2027.

Application Period: Wednesday, April 1, 2026 – Friday, February 26, 2027

Please contact below for more information:
Health Promotion Section, City Residents Health Division (Ext. 2241)



Total Population: 141,516

[Japanese Population] Male: 67,157 Female: 71,773
[Foreign Population (68 Countries)] Male: 1,514 Female: 1,072



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 publishes 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/>

Administrative Announcements

▶ Please Note:

May is the payment period for Light Vehicle Tax .

If you use automatic bank transfers, payments will be withdrawn on June 1 (Mon).

Make sure you have enough money in your bank account the day before.



▶ Light Vehicle Road Tax Exemption For Disability Certificate Holders

軽自動車税の減免制度

This system applies to the following people:



- Physical Disability Certificate (*Shintai-shogaisha-techo*), Intellectual Disability Certificate (*ryoiku techo*), Psychiatric Disability Certificate (*seishin-shogaisha-hoken-fukushi-techo*) or War Injury And Illness Certificate (*sensho-byosha-techo*) holders which are valid as of April 1st 2026.
- Certificate holders and their family members within the same household.
- Certificate holders and their family members who may not live within the same household, but share living expenses.*
- Those who give constant care for a disabled person who lives alone.*

*This only applies if you are able to get a Proof of Shared Livelihood Expenses (*seikei-doitsu-shomeisho*) or Proof of Continuous Nursing Care (*joji-kaigo-shomeisho*) issued by the Welfare Office Director if the certificate holder and driver are from separate households. Each certificate is not guaranteed to be issued.

Those who are eligible for this **must apply** at the Resident's Tax Division service window **by June 1 (Mon).**

If the application period has passed, even if you are eligible for a reduction, you will not be able to receive a reduction.

Documents needed for application:

- Certificate (physical, learning, intellectual mental disability, or war injury and illness certificate) which is valid as of April 1st 2026.
- Vehicle inspection certificate (*shaken sho*)
- Driver's license of the driver
- Tax notification form (納税通知証)
- Applicant's ID (Resident card or Driver's license etc.)

Contact: Shimin Zei Ka (Resident's Tax Division) Ext. 3256, 3258

▶ "Shogai Nenkin" "Disability Pension System" 障害年金制度

If you developed a disability caused by a disease or injury while enrolled in the National Basic Pension System or Employees' pension Insurance System and satisfy all the following conditions, you may be eligible for "Shogai Nenkin (Disability Pension)".

Disability pensions are benefits for those who are unable to work due to illness or injury, including those of working age.

There are two types of disability pensions: the "basic disability pension" and the "disability welfare pension."

Those who were enrolled in the National Disability Pension Plan when they first received treatment from a doctor for their illness or injury are eligible to receive the "Basic Disability Pension" and those who were enrolled in the Employees' Pension Plan are eligible to receive the "Disability Employees' Pension."

In order to receive a disability pension, you must satisfy all of the following three requirements

Conditions:

-You must have received your first day of medical care during your pension enrollment period. (including the disease or injury before you turned 20 years old or including the case of a resident of Japan who is between 60 and 65 years old and has a date of first medical examination during the period of non-pension enrollment.)

-You must be in a certain condition of disability.

-You must satisfy the premium payment requirements.

Contact:

For Disability Basic Pension : Koza Pension Office or Shimin Ka, Kokuminnenkin Tanto (Residential Division, Pension Section) Ext. 2133/2134 Hours: 8:30-11:00/ 13:00-16:15

For Disability Employees' Pension: Koza Pension Office

Koza Pension Office 098-933-2267

Those who enrolled the Employees' pension Insurance System Contact: Koza Pension Office 098-933-2267

No walk-in, Appointment Only , please call in advance.



Radio Broadcast: Neighborhood Association Channel

ラジオ放送 自治会チャンネル

Broadcast on FM Koza!

We'll also be livestreaming the recording! 収録の様子も生配信!

You can listen this program on twitcasting and YouTube as well.

ツイキャス、YouTubeでも聞くことができます。

Starting in May 2026 2026年5月からスタート

Every Friday morning at 10:30 AM – 30-minute program 毎週金曜日朝10:30-30分番組

The presidents of 37 neighborhood associations in Okinawa City will share local information.

沖縄市にある37自治会の会長さんたちが地域の情報を発信します。

Joining a neighborhood association is the first step toward building a safe and secure community.

自治会への加入は 安心・安全な街づくりの第一歩

To join a neighborhood association, please contact the association in your local area directly.

自治会への加入は、お住まいになる地域の自治会へ直接、お申し出ください

ON AIR ラジオ放送
自治会チャンネル
FMコザにて放送します!
毎週 金曜日 朝10:30
※30分番組
収録の様子も生配信!
ツイキャス、YouTubeでも聞くことができます。
おもしろトークが聞けるよ〜
みんな聞いてね〜
各自治会の活動や祭り、地域から寄せられた相談ことなどを紹介しながら沖縄市全体をつなげるラジオ番組です。
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▶ Vaccination Against Shingles (Helps Zoster) 带状疱疹ワクチン予防接種

If you wish to receive the routine Vaccination Against Shingles (Helps Zoster) for the 2026 fiscal year, please contact the Prevention Section, Child consultation-Health Division to request a pre-vaccination questionnaire.

Eligibility: Individuals registered as residents of Okinawa City as of the vaccination date who meet either criterion 1 or 2 below:

1. Individuals who will turn 65, 70, 75, 80, 85, 90, 95, or 100 years old during the **FY 2026 (April 1, 2026-March 31, 2027)**.
2. Individuals aged between 60 and under 65 who have an impaired immune system due to the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV)

※ A notification postcard was sent in April to those eligible under 1.

Those eligible under 2 should contact the Prevention Section.

Vaccination Period: April 1, 2026 – March 31, 2027

Out-of-Pocket Cost: Live Vaccine: 3,000 yen

(Number of doses:1 dose)

Recombinant Vaccine: 9,000 yen × 2 doses

(Number of doses:2 doses)

※No payment charged for those under public assistant. (Proof of eligibility is required)

Vaccination Sites: Designated medical institutions (Advance reservation required)

●For more details, please visit the city's official website.

Medical Facilities in the City (as of the end of March 2026)

※Please check the city's official website for information regarding the Chubu District

〈Live and Recombinant Vaccines〉

Aisei Clinic、Adachi Clinic、Awase Daiichi Clinic、Isa Orthopedic Clinic、Ohyama Urology Clinic、Okinawa Anshin Clinic、Kakazu Clinic、Kuwae Dermatology Clinic、Shiohira Internal Medicine & Kidney Clinic、Shiohira Hospital、Shonan Hospital、Takara Primary Care Clinic、Sophia Clinic、Chibana Clinic、Chubu Kyodo Hospital、Nakasone Clinic、Nakamine New Clinic、Noborikawa Clinic、Hata Internal Medicine Clinic、Higa Internal Medicine Clinic、Machida Urology Clinic、Matsumoto Gastrointestinal & Orthopedics Clinic、Misato Dermatology Clinic、Momoyama Clinic、Yan Herb Clinic、Lifestyle Clinic Lokahi(Outpatients only)

〈Live Vaccines Only〉

Nakamura Naika Onaka Clinic

〈Recombinant Vaccines Only〉

Okinawa Rehabilitation Center Hospital、Kishimoto Internal Medicine Clinic、Tobu Clinic、Noborikawa Neuropathic Internal Medicine Clinic、Funakoshi Clinic

【Contact】 Prevention Section, Child consultation-Health Division (Ext.2232/2233)

Extension of the Regular MR Vaccination Program MRワクチン定期予防接種延長

Due to supply instability of the MR vaccine, which prevents measles and rubella, the period during which the following eligible individuals who missed their vaccination opportunity can receive the vaccine free of charge has been extended by two years, starting in April 2025.

Eligible Individuals:

Term 1: Individuals born between April 2, 2022, and April 1, 2023

Term 2: Individuals born between April 2, 2018, and April 1, 2019

Term 5: Males born between April 2, 1962, and April 1, 1979, who based on the results of an antibody test conducted by the end of fiscal year 2024, have insufficient rubella antibodies and require vaccination.

Vaccination Period: April 1, 2025 – March 31, 2027 (2 years)

For details, please refer to the city's official website.

【Contact】 Prevention Section, Child consultation-Health Division (Ext.2232/2233)

▶ Overnight Stay Option for the Okinawa City Postpartum Care Program 産後ケア事業宿泊型利用

Under the Okinawa City Postpartum Care Program, a single application allows you to use a combination of the “Overnight Stay 宿泊型,” “Day Care 通所型,” and “Home Visit訪問型” options up to five times. However, for those who applied for the program on or after April 2026, the Overnight Stay option is limited to “up to two times per person, in principle.”

When using the Postpartum Care Program, please confirm the number of sessions available for your selected service type, the total number of sessions, and the out-of-pocket cost with the facility before making a reservation or using the service.

1. Midwives and nurses speak only Japanese.

2. Please make sure you hire a 24-hour interpreter for Japanese-English/your own language for your assistance.

3. This service is provided in accordance with Japanese customs and cultural guidelines.

Please note that all midwives are Japanese.

4. This service is NOT available to SOFA status holders.

【Contact】 Child consultation-Health Division (Ext.3082)



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▶ Regarding the Phased Revision of Water Rates 水道料金の段階的改定について

To ensure a stable water supply and provide you with safe and reliable water for years to come, Okinawa City is working to secure a stable supply system and is therefore conducting gradual adjustments to water rates. To minimize the sudden financial burden on households, these adjustments are being introduced in a planned manner. Following the rate adjustment conducted in fiscal year 2025, the next adjustment will take effect starting with the meter readings in May 2026.

We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause and ask for your continued understanding and cooperation.

Please note:

※The table shows a model case; actual charges will vary depending on your water usage.

※Sewerage charges are billed separately.

You can view the new rate schedule and other details by scanning the QR code.

◆ Comparison of meter diameter 13mm water rates (tax included):

*Rate can differ depends on the amount of water used.



Model Cases	Amount of Water Used	Current Rate	Revised Rate	Amount Increased
Single Household	8m ³	¥1,004	¥1,101	¥97
Two-person Household	16m ³	¥2,403	¥2,641	¥238
3-4-person Household	20m ³	¥3,103	¥3,411	¥308
5-person Household	30m ³	¥5,237	¥5,776	¥539

◆ Comparison of meter diameter 20mm water rates (tax included):

*Rate can differ depends on the amount of water used.

Model Cases	Amount of Water Used	Current Rate	Revised Rate	Amount Increased
Single Household	8m ³	¥1,415	¥1,553	¥138
Two-person Household	16m ³	¥2,814	¥3,093	¥279
3-4-person Household	20m ³	¥3,514	¥3,863	¥349
5-person Household	30m ³	¥5,648	¥6,228	¥580

Group Rabies Vaccination Campaign

狂犬病予防集合注射

Under the Rabies Prevention Act, all pet dogs aged 91 days or older are legally required to be registered once in their lifetime and to receive an annual rabies vaccination. The group rabies vaccination campaign for fiscal year 2026 will be held on Sundays from late May through mid-June. Please visit the city's official website for details on locations, dates, and times.

※This applies to all dog owners residing in Okinawa City (including SOFA holders).

【Contact】 Environmental Division (Ext.2222)



Okinawa City Library News

Book readings & hand games: Saturdays, May 9, 16, & 23 starting at 3:00 pm

Story time for baby (for 9,10 month old infant) May 24 (Sun) 09:30 to 12:30

Days Closed: See the library website for their business calendar. (Closed on the red marked dates)

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/shakaikyouiku/library/lib/index.html>



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4-1-3 Chuo, Nankai Product Building
1st Floor Okinawa City

TEL 098-989-9767 (Temporary)

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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