

Gotemba Newsletter

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<https://www.gia-gotemba.com>

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1. National Fall Traffic Safety Exercises Will Start

National fall traffic safety exercises start from September 21st (Tue.) lasting until the 30th (Thu.).

Last day is "No fatal accident" day.

Important points of the exercise:

- ① Ensure pedestrian's safety especially for children and seniors
 - ② Ensure safety for bicyclists and promote traffic rules
 - ③ End reckless drunk driving
 - ④ Prevent accidents in the evening and at night, and improve traffic safety awareness for pedestrians etc.
- (Main point)

Sunset will be earlier soon.

Driver: Turn on head lights earlier

Pedestrian: Wear self-luminous reflectors

Let's prevent any traffic accident in the evening by keeping in mind the above points, and try to be aware of potential accidents.

Inquiry: Public Safety Department at (82)4123

2. Children's Medical Support Benefits Card Will Be Renewed

Children's medical support benefits card will be renewed from 1st Oct.

New color pale blue-green card will be sent to you during September so please use new card from October. (You will need to return the expired card to child support department.) If there are any mistakes or you haven't received by October or you have farther questions, please contact us.

*If you have children, you may file separately.

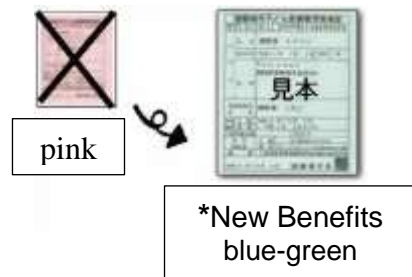
Delivery schedule: From September to October

Subject: A dependent who is in high school third grade or lower, or was born after April 2nd in 2003 and has had benefits before

Expiration day: If you're in high school 3rd year, or the same age, it will be Thursday, 31st March in 2021.

Others will expire on Friday, 30th September in 2022.

Inquiry: Child support department at (82)4124



3. Mailing Health Business Vouchers

Valid period: From October 1st (Fri.) to September 30th 2022 (Fri.)

Available facilities or services:

- ① Clinics offering acupuncture, moxibustion and massage
- ② Public facilities
- ③ Bathing facilities
- ④ Exchange for paper diapers
- ⑤ Mimamori-homon service provided by Post office

Subject: Elderly, age 70 or older (born before April 1st in 1952)

Distribution number: 12 vouchers

Distribution method: They will be mailed to each house by the middle of September

Note:

- Vouchers will not be reissued.
- Vouchers can't be given to others, exchanged for cash, or refunded.
- Vouchers can be used by whoever's name is on voucher or a caregiver for that person. (Caregiver is defined as a person who helps the subject)
- If the cost exceeds the voucher, you need to pay the difference.
- Please follow the facilities' guidance for use
- If unauthorized use is recognized, you need to refund the cost.

*Please find the details for facilities or services in the brochure enclosed in the envelop.

*Valid for 1 year. Please take advantage while paying attention to the Covid situation at the time.

*If you don't receive your vouchers by Thursday, 30th September, please contact us.

Inquiry: Longevity welfare section at (83)1463

4. Pension Support Benefits Start

Pension support benefits are additional benefits to supplement pensioners currently receiving their pension but receive below the standard amount of public pension income and other income. You need to submit an invoice to receive this.

Who is eligible:

- 1) Persons who receive old-age basic pension: (must meet following 3 conditions)
 - ① Over 65 years-old
 - ② All family members are exempt from municipal taxes
 - ③ 1) Total income including pension and other income from last year is under 880,000 yen
2) Persons who receive either Disability basic pension or basic pension for surviving family
* Sum of total income was under about 4,720,000yen

How to claim:

- ① (Persons to starts receiving pension support benefits for the first time)
If you are eligible, the Japanese pension service will send an information package with claim procedure details by mail. You need to send the enclosed postcard (claim form) after being filled out.
*If you complete the invoice procedure by Tuesday, January 4th in 2022, you can receive this benefit starting from October in 2021.
- ② Persons who start to receive pension
*Along with claim form for the pension you can claim your pensioner support benefits

Note:

Please be careful for any suspicious calls pretending to be from the Japanese pension service or Ministry of health. You shouldn't be asked for your family structure, bank information (account number and pin) or any handling fees. If you have any problem for this claim procedure, please contact us.

Inquiries: National pension section at (82)4122 or exclusive navigation dial for benefits at 0570(05)4092

HP: <https://www.mhlw.go.jp/nenkinkyuufukin/system.html>



5. Lung Cancer and Tuberculosis Screening Schedule Change

Some of the schedule Lung cancer and TB screenings announced in the Aug. 5th issue have been postponed due to the state of emergency for the new Covid virus strain. Please check the city homepage for more details.

Inquiry: Health promotion division at (70)7765.



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