

Gotemba Newsletter

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1. Child Immunization Week is March 1st to 7th

Before children enter their kindergarten or elementary school, please make sure to get the necessary vaccinations to prevent any infections.

- ※ When planning to get a vaccination for you or your child, please make an appointment at a designated medical institute in advance.
- ※ If you do not have a screening questionnaire, please contact the health center.

Inquiry: Health promotion division at (82)1111

2. Exemption of National Pension Premiums Both Before and After Pregnancy

Regarding exemption periods from national pension premiums, when notified of approval, you will be exempt the full payment amount.

Period:

*Pregnant woman one child: 4 months prior to delivery month (due date's month)

*Pregnant woman two or more children: 6 months prior to 3 months after your delivery month (due date's month)

Remarks: The term "Delivery" includes women having carried the baby for more than 85 days.

(Including stillborn babies, miscarriages, and premature deliveries)

Object:

National pension 1st insured person (self-employed or unemployed workers and etc.) whose due date was after February 1st in 2019

- ※ The system is different for employees' pension participants or dependents of them, so please check with your work place or pension office.
- ※ You can apply after your delivery; no expirations are set for this benefit.
- ※ Pension you paid during the exemption period will be returned.
- ※ Even if you are not pregnant, please contact us if you have difficulty paying the National pension type 1 insurance premium.
- ※ In principle, you can apply for insurance premium exemption or payment deferral up to 2 years and 1 month before the application date. If you apply late, you may not be able to receive basic disability pension if you become disable due to illness or injury.

When to apply/ inquiry: From 6 months before the (expected) date of birth.

Necessary documents: My Number Card or something shows your basic pension number, ID, Mother and child handbook (only for those who have registered before childbirth)

Please bring the necessary documents directly and submit them to the National health insurance and pension division at (82)4122 or Numazu pension office at 055(921)2201.

※ You can also apply after your delivery.

3. Support Grants for Households Exempt from Resident Tax (Additional benefits for non-taxable households)

A grant of 30,000 yen per household will be provided to households that are exempt from resident tax for fiscal year 2024.

Objects: Households that are registered as residents of the city as of December 13, 2024, and where all members are exempt from resident tax for the fiscal year 2024.

(Excluding households consisting only of dependents or relatives of individuals subject to resident tax.)

Eligible households will receive the relevant documents starting in mid-February 2025. However, households that moved to our city from other cities or municipalities after January 2, 2024, may need to apply, as we do not have their tax information.

*Among the households eligible for this subsidy, those with children under 18 years old will receive an additional 20,000 yen per child.

For details, please see the city's website. (2D code)



Inquiry: Benefits officer, Social welfare division at (70)3223

4. Please Check the Amount of Child Allowance Payment

The child allowance system will be revised starting October 1, 2024. Individuals who were previously ineligible to receive the child allowance because they were raising high school-aged children or had an income exceeding the upper limit, will now be eligible to receive the allowance starting with the October payment. In addition, children up to age 22 who are financially supported by their parents are now eligible for the multiple-child allowance.

Please refer to the table below to check the payment amount.

If you need to make corrections, please contact us as soon as possible, as we can process retroactive payments if you apply by the deadline.

Please note that if you apply after the deadline, the allowance will be paid in the month following the one in which the application is made.

Child allowance payment amount (Per month)

Under 3 years old (First child and second child)	15,000 yen
Under 3 years old (Third child and later)	30,000 yen
Age 3 to high school (First child and second child)	10,000 yen
Age 3 to high school (Third child and onwards)	30,000 yen

*'Third child or later' refers to the third child or any subsequent children who are being raised until they graduate from university.

(Until the first March 31st following your 22nd birthday.)

Inquiry: Please contact the Childcare Support Division at (82) 4124 by March 14th.

5. Lithium-Ion Batteries Are Essential to Our Lives -Proper disposal for a safer life-

Environment division at (83)1603 Eco-house Gotemba at (88)3337

Lithium-ion batteries are used in smartphone and mobile batteries, but they have the potential to catch fire if they receive a strong shock or become deformed. As a result, there have been reported cases of fires occurring at waste disposal facilities due to lithium-ion batteries being discarded as burnable or non-burnable wastes. If a fire occurs, it may take time to put out the fire and restore facilities, which may result in restriction on waste acceptance and repair costs.

To prevent such accidents and ensure a safe life, please dispose of lithium-ion batteries correctly.

How to dispose of lithium-ion batteries

- ① If there is a recycle symbol:
Please use collection boxes at JBRC participating electronics retailers, home improvement stores, etc.
 - ② If there is no recycle mark or the battery is swollen:
Manufacturers are obligated to collect the product under the Law for promotion of effective utilization of resources, so please contact the store where you purchased the product or the manufacturer.
- Remarks: Lithium-ion batteries can not be disposed of by the city.

6. ECOHOUSE INFORMATION / Inquiry: (88)3337

※Fax and Telephone answering machine services are not available.

- * FREE ITEMS: Study desk, 3 chairs, Side table with castors
(NEGOTIABLE ITEMS): Bed (wooden assembly)
- * DONATIONS NEEDED: Child seat

(Last updated on 1/10th, 2025)

We only accept re-useable items. No items are stored in the office.

★The Gotemba Newsletter can be viewed on the GIA Internet site:
<https://www.gia-gotemba.com>

★Copies of this Newsletter are available at the City Hall, the City Branch Offices, Library, Health Care Center and GIA.

7. March's Calendar of Events

DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION	DATE	EVENTS/TIME	LOCATION
1 (SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30 pm)	Library	18 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center
2 (SUN)			19 (WED)	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center
3 (MON)	Legal Counseling (1:00 pm)	City Hall		Book Start	Health Care Center
4 (TUE)	Health Checkup for Infants 18 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center	20 (THU)		
5 (WED)	Health Checkup for Babies 6 months old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center	21 (FRI)	Health Consultation and Fluoride application for 2 and 6 months (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center
	Book Start	Health Care Center	22 (SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30 pm)	Library
6 (THU)			23 (SUN)		
7 (FRI)	Health Consultation for Toddlers 2 years old (1:10 pm)	Health Care Center	24 (MON)	Health Consultation for Babies and Children (9:20 am)	Health Care Center
8 (SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30 pm)	Library		Adult Health Consultation (1:30 pm)	Health Care Center
9 (SUN)			25 (TUE)	Seminar for 4 months Babies (9:45 am)	Health Care Center
10 (MON)			26 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30 am)	Library
				Health Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00pm)	Health Care Center
11 (TUE)	Workshop for Hello Baby (9:30 am)	Health Care Center	27 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00am)	Health Care Center
	Mother Support Consultation (9:30 am)	Health Care Center	28 (FRI)		
	Mother Support Consultation (1:30 pm)	Health Care Center	29 (SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30 pm)	Library
12 (WED)	OYAKO OHANASHI NO KAI (10:30 am)	Library	30 (SUN)		
	Health Checkup for Toddlers 3 years old (1:00 pm)	Health Care Center	31 (MON)		
13 (THU)	Mental Health Consultation (10:00 am)	City Hall	<p>The tax payment and rate of March</p> <p><u>(Monday, March 31st is a tax payment due)</u></p> <p>●8th Old Citizen Medical Care Premium (Koki Koreisha Iryo Hoken) of 8th.</p> <p>●For a water usage, sewer usage for use March inspection of a meter.</p>		
14 (FRI)	Workshop for Hello Baby (6:45 pm)	Health Care Center			
15 (SAT)	OHANASHI Hiroba (2:30 pm)	Library			
16 (SUN)					
17 (MON)	Legal Counseling (10:00 am)	City Hall			
	Vaccination Shots (BCG) (1:15 pm)	Health Care Center			

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