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COVID-19 vaccine passport for people travelling abroad

Ginowan City can now issue vaccine certificates to residents with plans to travel abroad

Please confirm with the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan for a list of countries that accept vaccine certificates issued by Japan:

https://www.anzen.mofa.go.jp/covid19/certificationlist.html (Japanese only)

Information for foreign residents (English website):

https://www.mhlw.go.jp/stf/covid-19/certificate.html

Who can apply?

 Individuals who received a COVID-19 vaccine using the vaccination voucher issued by Ginowan City and who will be travelling abroad

You cannot apply if you:

- Have no plans to travel abroad
- Have not been vaccinated
- Are not a person who falls under the Immunization Act (e.g. a Japanese national living abroad who returned to Japan temporarily, an USFJ employee who received his/her vaccine on-base, a domestic COVID-19 vaccine clinical trial participant, etc.)

How to apply

• Applications can be submitted via mail or in person at the Ginowan Health Consultation Centre (1-13-15 Maehara)



Required documents for in-person application

1. Application form 2. Passport (copy) 3. Vaccination voucher

Ginowan Health Consultation Centre ℡098-898-5583 Civic Cooperation Promotion Division (English speaker) ℡098-893-4119

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GINOWAN POPULATION

as of September

 Total population
 100,180 (-56)

 Foreign nationals
 1,580 (-13)

 Total household
 46,203 (-28)

 Total nationalities
 51 (±0)

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Want to join Ginowan City's after-school children's clubs?

Application for the 2020 school year is now open!

Who is eligible?

• elementary school students living in Ginowan City who require after-school care due to having parents who work or are ill

Childcare hours

- from when school finishes to 6 p.m. (no pick-up and drop-off service)
- summer, winter and spring break period: 8:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

Quota (slots available)

- Oyama Children's Centre 22 Ganeko Children's Centre 23
- Ojana Children's Centre 25 Nagata Children's Centre 25
- Aragusuku Children's Centre 22

Cost of service

• 5,000 yen per month per child

Application period

- Oct. 11 (Mon) Nov. 5 (Fri) excluding Sunday and holidays
- 10 a.m. 12 p.m., 1 p.m. 6 p.m.

Where to apply

• at the children's centre of your choice

Things to note

- Bring your inkan (seal) *if applicable
- Acceptance is NOT on a first come, first served basis
- If you miss the application window, you will not be guaranteed April 1, 2022 entrance

Oyama Children's Centre098-890-0015Ganeko Children's Centre098-897-6767Ojana Children's Centre098-897-4117Aragusuku Children's Centre098-892-8888Nagata Children's Centre098-892-3330

National Pension exemption

For those experiencing difficulty making payments

If you, your spouse, or the head of household's income from the previous year (or income from the year before the last if you apply between January and June) is below a certain amount, you may be eligible to apply for an exemption of your National Pension contributions. This includes those who lost a job or are suffering losses due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

If approved, you may receive full or partial (75%, 50%, or 25%) exemption. You may also apply for exemption of your contributions backdating two years and one month.

If you would like to apply for exemption, please visit the National Pension Division on the ground floor of the city office.

Flu shot for people over 65

Cost of vaccination is partially subsidized

Influenza can cause symptoms such as headaches, muscle aches, joint pains, and fevers exceeding 38 degrees Celsius, The elderly and those with preexisting medical conditions are especially at risk of developing severe symptoms. Seasonal influenza occurs annually between December and March. Get your flu shot to protect yourself this flu season.

Those scheduled to get the

<u>COVID-19 vaccine cannot</u> <u>receive another type of vaccine</u> <u>two weeks before and two</u> <u>weeks after the day of</u> <u>vaccination.</u>

Period

• until February 28, 2022

Eligibility

• people aged 65 and above (or who will become 65)

Venue

• designated medical facilities (appointment required)

Cost

• 1,000 yen (or free for people receiving welfare)

*People between 60 to 65 years of age who have severe illness such as heart disease may also be eligible for coverage. Please speak with your primary doctor for more details.

More information can be found on the notification sent to you by mail. For inquiries, please contact the Health Consultation Centre at 098-898-5583.