

GINOWAN CITY NEWSLETTER

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FY2023 FINANCIAL AID FOR RESIDENT TAX-EXEMPT HOUSEHOLDS DEADLINE APPROACHING (¥70,000/HOUSEHOLD)



In late January, the city mailed a notice to all households that may be eligible to receive this financial aid. If you have received the notice, please make sure to complete the enclosed forms and make an application before the deadline. Each eligible household can only receive this financial aid once.

Deadline: February 29, 2024 (Thursday)

*You will lose your eligibility if you miss the deadline.

■Eligibility

Households that are registered in Ginowan City as of December 1, 2023 and are exempt from the per capita levy of resident tax for fiscal year 2023.

*Households that comprise only of dependents of an individual who is taxable for resident tax are not eligible.

■To apply

The city has mailed a form to all households that are eligible for this aid. Please confirm the contents of the form and complete the required fields before mailing it back to the city office using the return envelope enclosed. Applicants may also opt to apply online.

*If there is a member of household whose tax status the city cannot confirm (due to reasons such as the individual has not file their taxes), that household will not be mailed a notice regarding this aid even if they may meet the eligibility criteria. Households that moved into Ginowan City after January 2, 2023 will also not be mailed a notice regarding this aid. Please download the application form from the city's website or visit us in person to apply.

To inquire, please contact us at ☎0120-472-450.

DID YOU KNOW?



The Coming of Age Day (*seijin no hi*) is a national holiday observed on the second Monday of January. It is to celebrate young people's entry into adulthood and to encourage their independence and self-reliance. See our original Japanese newsletter for photos of this year's *seijin no hi*!



POPULATION AS OF JAN 2024

Total population	100,319 (-3)
Total households	47,490 (+5)
Foreign residents	1,788 (-18)
Nationalities	52 (-1)

SUBSIDIZATION FOR THE COVID-19 VACCINE TO END ON MARCH 31, 2024



The vaccination program targeting the omicron XBB 1.5 variant of COVID-19 aimed at all residents 6 months of age and older began on September 20, 2023. **Public subsidization for the COVID-19 vaccines will end on March 31, 2024.**

Residents who wish to get inoculated are recommended to do so as soon as possible.



Q. Will the vaccine cost a fee beginning in April 2024?

A. The COVID-19 vaccine will be offered as routine vaccination for a fee for people over 65 or those between 60 to 64 who fulfill a certain criteria. Residents outside this age group can choose to get vaccinated voluntarily at their own expense.

Q. What happens if I can't complete the first phase of the vaccination by March 31, 2024?

A. You must bear the expense for the remaining doses. If you wish to get vaccinated for the first phase of the vaccine, please do so well in advance.

For more info:
Health Consultation Centre ☎098-898-5583.



NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE CARD WILL CHANGE FROM

PINK

TO

BLUE

IN APRIL 2024

Residents who are enrolled in National Health Insurance should present their health insurance card when they **visit a hospital for outpatient care, medical examinations (health checkups) and when they require hospitalization.**

For residents between ages 70 to 74, their **copayment ratio for outpatient care and hospitalization** will be printed on the card.



CHANGES TO THE SPECIFIC HEALTH CHECKUP COUPON

Starting in April, the specific health checkup voucher will no longer be attached to the health insurance card.

Instead, the voucher will be mailed to residents separately in early March. To receive a specific health checkup or a comprehensive medical checkup (*ningen dokku*), please present both your checkup voucher and health insurance card.



GETTING A NEW HEALTH INSURANCE CARD



Households that completed the **7th payment of the FY2023 (Reiwa 5) health insurance premiums** (with a due date of Jan. 31, 2024) will be mailed their new health insurance cards by mail in **early March**. Any household that do not receive their new card **by the end of March** should contact the city's Health Insurance Division.

The card(s) will be sent out using registered mail and will require a signature upon arrival.

The following individuals must visit the Health Insurance Division in person by the end of March to receive their new health insurance card.

1. Individuals who have unpaid health insurance premiums.
2. Individuals who are not registered residents of Ginowan City but who are enrolled in the city's health insurance policy including students who live outside Ginowan or seniors living in a senior home located outside Ginowan City.
3. Individuals affected by exceptional circumstances.

*The city will notify the head of household of these individuals.

Health Insurance Division ☎098-893-4492

\ FY2023 (Reiwa 5) /
Current fiscal year

Specific Health Checkup available until 3/31

Choose your preferred method of checkup!



① Individual Checkup

Make an appointment at a hospital of your choice!

A list of hospitals that offer specific checkup can be found on our website. (See QR code) ▶

② Mass Checkup (at a mass checkup venue)

Make an appointment online (see QR code) ▶ or call the Health Consultation Centre at 098-898-5598.



Date	Venue	Time
3/10 (Sun) *no cancer screening	Ginowan City Office	8:30-11:00 13:30-15:00
3/14 (Thu) *no cancer screening	Health Consultation Centre	8:30-11:00

Comprehensive medical checkup and cancer screening for the current fiscal year are available until February 29!

*FY2023 checkup vouchers are attached to your NHI card.

GO!GO! Toku Toku Campaign

All National Health Insurees ages **40-74** (born Apr. 1, 1949 - Mar. 31, 1984) who receives a **specific health checkup** or **comprehensive medical checkup** can get a



\ 3,000 yen shopping voucher /

*combined value for SAN-A and UNION supermarket
Mass Checkup----- will be distributed at the venue
Individual Checkup-- will be mailed 3 months after the checkup