

HIGASHIHIROSHIMA

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Website <http://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/koho/multilingual/3491.html>

Schedule for public services during the New Year holidays (2024-2025) :

年末年始業務案内

	December 2024					January 2025					
	Sat 27	Sun 28	Mon 29	Tue 30	Wed 31	Thu 1	Fri 2	Sat 3	Sun 4	Mon 5	Tue 6
City Office	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	○	○
Communication Corner	○	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	×	○	○
Garbage disposal (Hiroshima-Chuo Ecopark)	○	×	○	○	×	×	×	×	×	○	○
Garbage disposal centers (Kamo Environmental Center)	○	×	○	○	×	×	×	×	×	○	○

○ : Normal

✖ : Closed

The above is the schedule for public services in Higashihiroshima over the New Year Holidays, 2024-2025. Household garbage collection will be conducted according to the schedule shown on the garbage collection calendar. Applications for family register registration and burial/cremation permission are accepted at the after-hours counters of the City Office, and each branch office and sub-branch office.

Coming-of-Age Ceremony (Hatachi no Tsudoi)

二十歳のつどい

The Hatachi no Tsudoi, otherwise known as the 'Coming-of-Age Ceremony', is an annual event held on the second Monday of January to celebrate young people who have become adults.

Although Japan lowered the legal age of adulthood from 20 to 18 on April 1, 2022, Higashihiroshima City will continue to hold the ceremony for those who turn 20 during the relevant fiscal year, following past practice.

During the ceremony, new adults from the region are invited to a large venue, where they receive commemorative gifts and congratulatory messages from the mayor. A representative of the new adults may also give a pledge expressing their commitment upon entering adulthood.

Attire for the ceremony is free of choice. Many women wear furisode (a formal long-sleeved kimono), while men typically wear suits in calm colors such as navy, black, or gray. Some participants wear traditional clothing from their home countries.

The event will be held on Monday January 12, 2026 (a National Holiday), in two sessions:

Session 1: 11:00-11:30 (Doors open 10:15, reception closes 10:45)

Session 2: 14:00-14:30 (Doors open 13:00, reception closes 13:45)

It will take place at Higashihiroshima Arts & Culture Hall Kurara, in the Main Hall.

Individuals born between April 2, 2005 and April 1, 2006 are eligible to attend. You may participate even if you are not registered as a resident of the city.

Notice to Participants: invitation postcards (entry tickets) were sent on August 22, 2025. Those who do not have the postcard should present an ID document (such as a residence card) at the reception on the day.



Contact: Youth Development Division (Seishonen Ikusei-ka, 青少年育成課), tel.: 082-420-0929.

Your child should receive the Japanese encephalitis and the type-2 combined (diphtheria/tetanus) vaccinations before turning 13

- 13歳になる前に日本脳炎と2種混合（ジフテリア・破傷風）の予防接種を受けましょう

To maintain the immunity gained during early childhood, booster vaccinations are necessary.

Special Eligibility for Japanese Encephalitis Vaccination:

There was a period when active recommendation for the Japanese encephalitis vaccine was suspended.

If you were eligible during that time and did not receive the vaccination, you may receive the missing doses for free, depending on your age.

Please check your child's Maternal and Child Health Handbook and have your child complete any missing vaccinations.

Japanese Encephalitis (second dose)	Type-2 combined (diphtheria/tetanus) (booster dose)
<p>Those aged 9 or older but under 13, who have their resident registration in this city.</p> <p>Special-case eligible individuals (those born between April 2, 2005 and April 1, 2007).</p> <p>* Before turning 20, they must receive any missing doses out of the four required vaccinations.</p>	<p>Those aged 11 or older but under 13 who have their resident registration in this city.</p>

To receive the vaccinations, make a reservation with an implementing medical institution (listed on the city's website).

On the day of the vaccination, take the child's Maternal and Child Health Handbook and the pre-examination form. Vaccination forms (pre-examination forms) are available at the Medical and Health Division, each branch office (except Fukutomi), and participating medical institutions.

If you wish your child to get vaccinated outside the city, advance procedures are required.

Contact: Medical Treatment and Health Division (Iryo Hoken-ka, 医療保健課), tel.: 082-420-0936.

There are only two months remaining to take the 'Genki Sukoyaka' health check!

- 「元気すこやか健診」の受診
- 期間は残り2か月！

The period for health checks at medical institutions for the 2025-26 financial year ends on January 31, 2026.

If you lost your examination ticket, it can be reissued, so please contact us.

People to whom the examination ticket was sent:

- Citizens 40 years old and above, and women 20 years old and above with even-numbered ages
- Men who are 20 and 30 years old

The date for the determination of age is Tuesday March 31, 2026.

For more details, please see the URL below or the QR Code to the right.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/7/33817.html>

Contact: Medical Treatment and Health Division (Iryo Hoken-ka, 医療保健課), tel.: 082-420-0936.



Horoyoi Stroll Coupon (Winter Version)

- ほろよい散歩クーポン
- (冬季Ver.)

Period: December 1, 2025 to March 9, 2026 (Please note that coupons cannot be purchased or used from December 28 to January 7.)

Location: Around the Saijo Sake Brewery Street (Sakagura-dori).

Price: 2,200 yen (booklet of 11 coupons).

Where to Buy: Saijo Sake Brewery Street Tourist Information Center and other locations. Coupons are also available online via the E-Plus ticket website as well.

Contact: Saijo Sake Brewery Street Tourist Information Center (Saijo Sakagura-dori Kanko Annai-sho, 西条酒蔵通り観光案内所), tel.: 082-421-2511.

Refresh Beginner Swimming Class (5 Sessions Total)

- リフレッシュ初心者水泳教室
- (全5回)

Schedule: January 11, 18, 25 and February 1, 8, 2026 (all Sundays), 10:00-11:30

Location: Kurose Indoor Pool

Eligibility: Adults aged 18 and older

Capacity: 15 participants (selected by lottery)

How to Apply: Apply by fax or email with: course name, postal code & address, name (with furigana), phone number

Application Deadline: Tuesday December 23, 2025

Contact: City Education & Culture Promotion Foundation (Kurose Indoor Pool) (Kurose Okunai Pool, 黒瀬屋内プール), fax: 0823-82-7075, email: center02@diary.ocn.ne.jp

Pre-Enrollment Payment of School Supply Expenses (School Assistance Program)

- 新入学学用品費（就学援助）
- の入学前支給

For children who are scheduled to enter elementary or junior high school in April 2026, guardians who meet the eligibility requirements set by the city may receive financial support for school supply expenses.

If you wish to apply, please submit your application within the designated period.

The application period is from Monday December 1 to Friday January 16, 2026. Applications postmarked on the final day will be accepted. Please submit the application form and required documents either in person or by mail.

Contact: School Affairs Division (Gakuji-ka, 学事課), tel.: 082-420-0975.

Reason for application	Documents
All household members exempt from Municipal Tax	Not needed *
All household members subject to reduced Municipal Tax	Copy of decision notice
All household members exempt from or subject to reduced Fixed Asset Tax	Copy of decision notice
All household members exempt from or subject to reduced National Pension Insurance premiums	Copy of decision notice
All household members exempt from or subject to reduced National Health Insurance Tax	Copy of decision notice
Receiving Child Rearing Allowance	Copy of benefit certificate
Other reasons of financial hardship	Not needed *

* For those who moved into the city on or after January 2, 2025, supporting documents are required. Please contact us.

See the sunrise at Ryuozan General Park! Kurose Fuji Sunrise Walk"

- 龍王山総合公園で日の出を見よう！
- 黒瀬富士 ★ 日の出ウォーク

Kurose Fuji ★ Sunrise Walk: Let's Watch the Sunrise at Ryuozan General Park!

Date & Time: Friday January 2, 2026, 6:45-8:00 (cancelled in case of snow or rain).

Meeting Location: Kurose Indoor Pool (10018-4 Narahara, Kurose-cho)

What to Bring & What to Wear: Warm, comfortable clothing suitable for exercise, gloves, a hat, a towel, a flashlight, and your 'Manabu-chan Notebook' (for elementary school students).

Registration: Same-day registration (6:30-6:45)

Note: Only first-aid treatment will be provided for any injuries during the event.

Inquiries: Kurose Branch of the City Sports Promotion Committee / Kurose Mirai Council (Secretariat: City Education & Culture Promotion Foundation), tel.: 0823-82-7075.



Leaving bicycles, etc. around Saijo Station is prohibited

- 西条駅周辺での自転車などの放置は
- 禁止しています



Bicycles and motorcycles left inside the prohibited-parking area will be removed. When retrieving removed bicycles or motorcycles, a moving and storage fee will be payable.

Moving/storage fee: Bicycles 1,650 yen, Motorcycles 2,200 yen.

Please use the blue city-managed bicycle parking lots.

Contact: Construction Management Division (Kensetsu Kanri-ka, 建設管理課), tel.: 082-420-0961.

Saijo Station

The yellow area denotes the area in which bicycles and motorcycles cannot be parked.

Deadline for payment of taxes: Thursday December 25

- ・ 次回の納期限は
- ・ 12月25日(木)

Please pay Fixed Asset Tax and City Planning Tax (the third installment) and the National Health Insurance Premium (the sixth installment) by Thursday December 25. A notice of non-payment (Tokusokujo, 督促状) will be sent to residents who have not paid their tax by the deadline. If you receive a Tokusokujo, please pay the tax immediately, using the payment slip enclosed.

* Note: it takes about ten days for the Tax Collection Division to confirm payment of tax, and therefore you may receive a Tokusokujo even after you have completed payment. In this case, please ignore the letter.

Contact: Tax Collection Division (Shuno-ka, 収納課), tel.: 082-420-0912.

Consultation services for non-Japanese residents

- ・ 外国人相談窓口



- ・ Consultation services for non-Japanese residents are available at the Communication Corner, in Sunsquare Higashihiroshima. English-speaking staff are available at the following times: Mondays-Saturdays, 9:00 to 17:00.

Communication Corner website (English): <https://www.hhface.org/wp/corner/home-2/>

You can also access the Communication Corner website by using the upper QR code on the right.

- ・ 40-minute free legal consultations are available on Saturday December 13th, at 13:00, 14:00 and 15:00. Communication Corner website (English)

English interpreting is available. Please make an appointment at least one week in advance.

Contact: Communication Corner (コミュニケーションコーナー), tel.: 082-423-1922.

- ・ Communication Corner Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/hhface.communicationcorner>

You can also access the Communication Corner Facebook page by using the lower QR code on the right.



Facebook page

Night-time and holiday hospitals

- ・ 夜間休日当番医

- ・ **Night-time and holiday duty hospitals:** Full information about night-time and holiday duty hospitals within Higashihiroshima City is published in the Japanese-language version of the monthly city newsletter 'Higashihiroshima' (the page inside the back cover; only in Japanese), and on the Higashihiroshima City website (in Japanese and English). The information is subject to change at short notice, so before going to a medical facility, please be sure to call to confirm details.

Recently, there are more and more patients using emergency medical facilities at night and on holidays even though their situation is not serious. In some cases, these patients have prevented or delayed the treatment of patients with truly serious illnesses, and additionally, such cases are one of the reasons for doctors becoming overworked. Emergency medical facilities open at night and on holidays are for patients with serious, emergency conditions. Please try to visit the medical facility you use normally, during opening hours on weekdays.

- ・ **Emergency medical treatment for children:** Please call the advice line on #8000 (if you cannot get through on this number, please call 082-505-1399). The service is available every day between 19:00 and 8:00 the following morning. You can obtain information about whether or not you should take your child to a medical facility outside of normal opening hours (at nights, on weekends or holidays, etc.).

- ・ **If you have a medical problem at night or on weekends, and you are unsure about whether or not you should go to a medical facility:** Please call the Hiroshima area emergency consultation center on #7119. The service is free, and is available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. The staff will be able to give you advice on whether to rest at home and see how symptoms develop, or whether you should go to a medical facility. If necessary, they can give you information about which facility to go to, or they can connect you directly to the 119 emergency service. In an emergency, do not hesitate to phone 119.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/7/33907.html>

**The Medical Information Net**

The 'Medical Information Net' is a website that compiles information on medical institutions and pharmacies throughout Japan. You can also search for information on medical institutions that can provide support in foreign languages.

<https://www.iryou.teikyouseido.mhlw.go.jp/znk-web/juminkanja/S2310/initialize?pref=34>

**Citizens' Affairs Division: Out-of-hours opening**

- ・ 市民課窓口:木曜延長・日曜開庁

The counters of the Citizens' Affairs Division are open until 19:00 on the first and third Thursdays of the month (except national holidays and the new year/year-end period). The dates for December are December 4 and December 18.

In addition, there is Sunday opening on December 14, from 9:00 to 12:00. Wherever possible, please take someone with you who speaks Japanese. Please note that divisions other than the Citizens' Affairs Division are not open at these times. For details of what matters can be dealt with during these extended opening hours, and what you need to bring with you, please access the QR Code to the right to check the city website.

If you have a My Number Card, you can use it to obtain Certificates of Residence, etc., at convenience stores.

Please be aware that formalities relating to My Number Cards cannot be dealt with.

Contact: Citizens' Affairs Division (Shimin-ka, 市民課), tel.: 082-420-0925.

<https://www.city.higashihiroshima.lg.jp/en/3/35917.html>

**Population and households as of the end of October, 2025:**

Population of Higashihiroshima City: 191,463 (299 more than September)

Households: 93,576 (303 more than September)

Population of foreign residents: 10,141 (298 more than September)

Foreign households: 8,041 (298 more than September)