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 Stay Happy and Healthy in Kobe!

Flu season starts
in autumn, so watch
your health!



If you have any questions about
ward office procedures, financial
support for raising children, etc.

**Call the Kobe International
Community Center (KICC)!**

 078-742-8705



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to visit the
website!



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Flu Shot Subsidy for Children & Seniors

This autumn and winter, it is important to take precautions against both Covid-19 and the flu, and children and seniors can develop very severe flu symptoms due to their weaker immune systems. Kobe City subsidizes the first flu shot of the year for these high-risk groups, so please be sure to get your flu shot soon.

Period: October 1, 2021 - January 31, 2022

Flu vaccine cost (out-of-pocket)

Children (1-12 y.o.): Vaccination fee minus 2,000 yen (Households with 2 or more children under 18 y.o. can also receive the subsidy for a second flu vaccination during this period)

Seniors (① or ②): 1,500 yen

Seniors (③): Free

① 65 y.o. & over

② 60-64 y.o. with a Tier I Physical Disability due to problems from the heart, kidneys, respiratory system, or human immunodeficiency virus (or equivalent degree of disability)

③ Either ① or ②, **and** in either a tax-exempt household or a household receiving public assistance benefits

IMPORTANT: You cannot get the Covid-19 and influenza vaccines at the same time. Wait at least 14 days after receiving the Covid-19 vaccine before getting your flu shot.

Application info (JP) →

Children:



Seniors:



Childcare Facility Applications for April 2022 Admission

Applications for the use of childcare facilities starting April 2022 are open from October 18. Application forms are available at your ward or branch office, as well as online.

	1st round	2nd round
Application Period	Oct. 18 - Nov. 30, 2021	Dec. 1, 2021 - Feb. 15, 2022
Results Announced	Feb. 1, 2022	Mar. 1, 2022

Service desk location & hours

The Child and Family Support Division or Public Health and Welfare Division of the ward/branch office where your first-choice childcare facility is located.

8:45 am - 12:00 pm, 1:00 pm - 5:15 pm

Guide to kindergartens, day care centers & certified childcare centers

This guidebook offers detailed yet easy-to-understand information about the different types of childcare facilities, eligibility, application requirements, paperwork schedule, etc. Physical copies are available at the ward office, or you can access the PDF (JP) here:



The KICC Moves to Shin-Nagata

The **Kobe International Community Center (KICC)** helps foreign residents study Japanese language and develop connections with Japanese people. On October 16, the KICC moved its main office to [Asta Kunizuka 1-Bankan \(5-3-1, Udezuka-cho, Nagata-ku\)](#). The Exchange Space on the 1st floor is a great place for people of all nationalities to meet, so be sure to drop by.

What can you do at the KICC?

Foreign residents in Kobe can take Japanese language and culture lessons, as well as receive consultations in 11 different languages to help them with daily life in Kobe.

More Japanese class locations

New [“Japanese Language Plazas”](#) will be open from the following dates. At these locations, you can sign up for free Japanese lessons tailored to your level.

Oct. 5: Sannomiya Bldg. Higashikan

6-1-12, Goko-dori, Chuo-ku

Oct. 12: Mikage Market “Shisuikan”

6-15-22, Mikage-honmachi, Higashinada-ku



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Gastropolis Kobe Day: FARM to FORK



October and November are “Kobe food culture months”, and FARM to FORK is a farmer’s market festival held during this season to promote products from Kobe’s agricultural and fisheries industries. This festival features guest speakers, live music, workshops, and many opportunities to enjoy local food from Kobe. Drop by and experience the magic of food from a land nestled between the mountains and the sea.

Dates: Oct. 30, 10:00 am - 5:00 pm

Oct. 31, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm

Location: Suma Beach

(Area south of JR Suma Station)



Details here! (JP)

New City Landmark Kobe Port Museum

Featuring an aquarium, food court, and other shops, the Kobe Port Museum will open on October 29. Come take a brief detour from the Sannomiya city center and explore the new face of Kobe's waterfront district.

Many attractive shops

TOOTH TOOTH MART FOOD HALL & NIGHT FES

Choose from 9 unique and delicious restaurants at **one of the largest food courts in Kobe.**

VOYAGE KOBE Bridal Services

Wear an elegant wedding dress for your wedding photo shoot! Whether you choose the fantasy-like atmosphere of the aquarium, or the classic look of the Kyukyoryuchi area, you will be able to capture memories that look like scenes from the movies.

Urban Aquarium átoa

Reservations recommended!

This facility will display 60 tanks, including one of the largest spherical tanks in Japan and a tank with a glass ceiling you can walk over. The exhibits don't stop at fish—there will be turtles, capybaras, otters, and more. Each exhibit room features different themes using special effects that will make your visit a fantastical one.

The átoa Café also offers a range of photogenic food and drinks, such as a goldfish-themed red soft-serve ice cream.

Hours: 10 am - 9 pm (Final admission 8 pm)

Admission: Adult (JHS & up) 2,400 yen

Child (ES) 1,400 yen

Toddler (3 y.o. & up) 800 yen

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