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Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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How to check which hospitals are open on Sundays and public holidays



1. Internet - Iwaki City's Official Website

Iwaki City posts online information about which hospitals and clinics are open on Sundays and public holidays each month.

<http://www.city.iwaki.lg.jp/www/contents/1001000000067/index.html> (Japanese)

This information is also available in English via an automatic translation service. You can access the hospital information in English through the following process:

1. Go to **Foreign Languages** and select **Start Translation** for English
2. Move your mouse over to the "Living & Area" link on the top of the home page and click on "In times of emergency"
3. Click on **Sudden illness**
4. Click on **Doctors on duty (daytime on Sundays and public holidays)**

Please bear in mind that the information is automatically translated by a machine, so it may not be a 100% correct translation – especially for proper nouns like place names etc.

2. Telephone - Fire Services Telephone Guide / Fire Service Headquarters

Another way you can check which hospitals are open on Sundays and public holidays is to inquire with the **automated Fire Services Telephone Guide (TEL: 23-0119)** or the **Fire Service Headquarters (TEL: 22-0123)** which are available 24 hours a day. These services are only available in Japanese, so you may want to ask a friend or someone around you who can speak Japanese to contact these services for you if you are unsure.

Note: Do NOT call the emergency line 119, if you are only inquiring about which hospitals are open or are calling about something that doesn't require an ambulance for an emergency. This is to ensure that the line is kept available for actual emergencies.

3. Iwaki City's Public Relations Newsletter "Koho Iwaki"

This monthly newsletter is published in Japanese and sent to every household. Each edition features a detailed list of hospitals open on Sundays and public holidays including the operating hours (this list is the same list uploaded onto Iwaki City's website as mentioned above).



Before visiting, it may be a good idea to inquire with the medical facility beforehand to confirm what treatments they specialise in and also whether or not they have an English-speaking doctor or staff.

Other important hospital information

After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre (For Internal Medicine and Paediatrics only)

General Health and Welfare Centre (TEL: 27-1208)

Weekdays: 8pm - 11pm.

Saturdays: 8pm - 7am (next day).

Sundays: 2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.

Public Holidays: 9am - 1pm, 2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.

Emergency Dental Care

General Health and Welfare Centre

Sundays and Public Holidays:

9am - 12pm and 1pm - 4pm.

Reception closes at 3:30pm.

Children Emergency, First-Aid Telephone Consultations



Fukushima Prefecture Children Emergency, First-Aid Telephone Consultation Centre (Japanese language only) 7pm to 8am (next day)

TEL: 024-521-3790 or #8000

Closure of public facilities over the New Year's Period

Most public facilities will be closed over the New Year's period from 29 December 2018 – 3 January 2019.

Closed from 29 Dec 2018 – 3 Jan 2019

All Iwaki City Offices (City Hall, Branch Offices and Citizen Service Centres)

All Iwaki City Gymnasiums and Sports Facilities (Shinmaiko Heights facilities will remain open)

Iwaki City Cultural Centre, Lifelong Learning Plaza and Alios (Iwaki City Art Museum closed 28 Dec – 4 Jan)

All Civic Centres and Community Halls

All City Libraries (Iwaki City Library open 10am-6pm from 29-30 Dec and 2-3 Jan)

Medical Facilities

Iwaki City Medical Centre: Closed 29 Dec – 3 Jan

After Hours and Holiday Emergency Treatment Centre: Open

Weekdays: 8pm - 11pm.

Saturdays (including 29th Dec): 8pm - 7am (next day).

Sundays: 2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.

Public Holidays (including 30th Dec - 3rd Jan): 9am - 1pm,

2pm - 6pm, 7pm - 11pm.

TEL: 27-1208

Emergency Dental Care: Open 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm from 30 Dec 2018 – 3 Jan 2019

Please inquire with all other facilities to confirm which days they are closed on.

Confidential Counselling Services for Non-Japanese Residents

Yorisoi Hotline: Multilingual

Mon-Fri, 10am-10pm.

TEL: 0120-279-226.

TELL Lifeline: English

365 days a year from 9am - 11pm.

TEL: 03-5774-0992.

Web: <http://www.telljp.com>

E-mail: admin@telljp.com

Safety and Consultation Centre for Women (Police Box in front of Iwaki Station): Japanese

10am-6pm daily.

TEL: 0246-25-9344.



Legal Consultations:

Iwaki City Hall provides free general legal consultations on Wednesdays (excluding first Wednesday of month). Please contact **City Hall (Hometown Revitalisation Division TEL 0246-22-7438)** and confirm the date, time and place. Reservations are required for consultations.

For Iwaki City Council of Social Welfare consultations (held at the **Social Welfare Centre**), please contact 0246-23-3320.

Iwaki International Association (IIA)

Official Website: <http://www.iaa-fukushima.or.jp>
TEL: 0246-22-7409 Email: info@iaa-fukushima.or.jp
(The IIA is also on Facebook and Twitter)

The Tourism Exchange Division and the IIA are open to the public. Please feel free to drop by, call, or e-mail us anytime.



Iwaki Festivals and Events

Event	When & Where	Details	Inquiries
Nasu Animal Kingdom Petting Zoo	Fri 28 th Dec – Thu 3 rd Jan; 9am-4:30pm (last entry at 4pm) Warehouse next to Onahama Bishoku Hotel, Onahama	Get up close make friends with some of the animals from Nasu Animal Kingdom. You can enjoy petting rabbits and other cute animals or try feeding camels and sheep. You can even have your photo taken with an alpaca! Entry into the petting zoo is ¥700 for adults and ¥300 for children up to high school age, but discounts are available for those who visit Aquamarine Fukushima on the day.	Aquamarine Fukushima Email: amf@aquamarine.or.jp Web: http://www.aquamarine.or.jp/english/index.html
New Year Cruise	Tue 1 st Jan; Ferry departs at 6:15am Ferry Terminal of Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	Catch the spectacular sight of the first sunrise for the New Year over the Pacific Ocean. Fare prices are ¥7000 for adults and ¥3000 for children 3 years old up to primary school age (free for children under 3 years old). Reservation is required to ride the ferry and seats may fill quickly.	Iwaki Day Cruise TEL: 0246-54-7600
Iwaki La La Mew New Year's Events	Tue 1 st – Thu 3 rd Jan Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	The first 3 days of 2019 will be packed with performances and events inside and outside of La La Mew. The first day includes two Japanese wadaiko performances (9:30am and 11am) and free sweet red bean soup (first 400 customers from 2pm). On the second day, you can try pounding mochi (from 3pm) or enjoy lion dance (11:30am and 1:30pm) or ukulele performances (from 12pm) on the second day. Finally hula dance performances will feature on the third day.	Iwaki La La Mew TEL: 0246-92-3701
Hashigonori Acrobatic Ladder Stunts by Firemen	Sat 5 th Jan; Times vary according to location Various locations around mainly Taira and Uchigo	Held on the first Saturday of the year, firemen perform acrobatic stunts on a 5.5m ladder in a traditional event dating back to the Edo Period as part of the New Year's parade for Iwaki's Firemen. The following are confirmed venues for the hashigonori: Aeon Shopping Centre carpark, Taira (from 11:15am); Taira Central Park (in front of Alios, from 12:05pm); Everia Shopping Centre 1F, Kashima, Onahama (from 12:50pm). Inquire with the Iwaki Fire Services to confirm when and where other performances will be held in your local area.	General Affairs Division, Iwaki Fire Service Headquarters TEL: 0246-24-3940
Konpira-sama Festival	Thu 10 th Jan Kotohira Shrine and surrounds, Yumoto	This festival is held shortly after every New Year on the 10th of January where up to several hundred thousand people come and pray for a happy and trouble-free year. An incredible 400 stalls will line the street from Yumoto Station all the way to the shrine.	Kotohira Shrine TEL: 0246-43-1001 Web: http://kotohira-iwaki.jp/
Winter Illumination 2019	Sat 12 th – Sun 20 th Jan; 5:30pm-8pm (until 8:30pm on Saturdays) 21 st Century Forest Park, Joban	The park are will be illuminated with over 100,000 solar-powered LED lights. There will also be food/drink stalls, workshops and black light performances.	Iwaki Illumination Project Team TEL: 0246-88-1703 Email: hikarun@iip.biz Web: http://iip.biz
Okunitama Hatsune Festival	Mon 14 th Jan; From 6am, Chigo and Yamato dances from 9am-11am Okunitama Shrine, Taira	Held on the Coming of Age Day public holiday, this annual festival is dedicated to Daikoku-sama, the main god of Okunitama Shrine. Prayers for prosperous businesses as well as household peace will be made. The Yamato dance and Chigo dance, both designated as Intangible Folk Culture Assets in Iwaki City, will also be performed.	Okunitama Shrine TEL: 0246-34-0092 Web: http://ookunitama.jp/
Numanouchi Water Festival	Mon 14 th Jan; From around 1pm (TBC) Numanouchi Community Hall, Taira	In this roughly 400-year-old festival known as <i>mizushige</i> , newlywed local men wearing only a yukata have cold water poured on them three times. It is quite common for the bucket carrier to "accidentally" spill cold water on the spectators, so you may want to be prepared to get wet when attending the festival.	Iwaki Tourism and City Planning Bureau TEL: 0246-44-6545
Free Angler Fish Hotpot	Sun 27 th Jan; from 11am West side plaza of Iwaki La La Mew, Onahama	Purchase any item at La La Mew and present the receipt so you can receive a free bowl of angler fish hotpot (one for each person) and enjoy cooking and eating it. Limited to the first 600 customers.	Iwaki La La Mew TEL: 0246-92-3701

*The event information above may be subject to cancellations or changes. Before attending any events, please confirm with the event sponsors in advance.

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