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Nagano Prefecture Partnership Notification System

We enacted the Nagano Prefecture Partnership Notification System aiming to resolve life's difficulties and eliminate barriers for sexual minorities. The system will begin on August 1.

Why the system needed

It is said that nine percent of Japan's population are sexual minorities today. Therefore, there is a high chance that you are interacting with them in your daily lives without realizing it.



Some people may get hurt by careless words and behaviors of people around them. This system aims to resolve life's difficulties and eliminate barriers.



About the system

In this system, by notifying the prefecture of their relationship, in which the couple who are both sexual minorities (or one party is a sexual minority) have agreed to support each other on an ongoing basis in their daily lives, the prefecture certifies that notification.

About the procedure

The notifications will be accepted from July 10, 2023.

For details, please see our website/QR code for the procedure.



<https://www.pref.nagano.lg.jp/jinken-danjo/sogi/partnership.html>

Consultation

Free Consultation

The Nagano Prefecture Intercultural Consultation Center will hold free consultation events for foreign residents. You can consult with a judicial scrivener and an administrative scrivener for free.

City	Date	Time	Venue
Shiojiri City	Fri, Jun 23	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Health and Welfare Center
Matsumoto City	Tue, Aug 22	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	M Wing
Ueda City	Fri, Sep 8	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Ueda City Hall Main Building
Komoro City	Wed, Sep 13	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Komoro City Civic Center
Nakano City	Fri, Sep 29	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Nakano City Civic Hall

Free

The schedule and venues may be changed. See detailed information on the website.



Intercultural Cohesion Promotion Month

38,101 foreign residents live in Nagano as of the end of December 2022. Nagano Prefecture designates July as Intercultural Cohesion Promotion Month to advance in awareness of intercultural society. Let's think about an intercultural community where foreign and Japanese residents are partners in creating communities, learning together, and acting together.

This year's poster for Intercultural Cohesion Promotion Month will be displayed in the Nagano Prefectural Office, municipal offices, Aeon stores, etc.



Bicycle Helmets Required

From April 1, 2023, wearing helmets while riding bicycles has become mandatory.

What is the meaning of "mandatory"?

"Mandatory" refers to obligations that are prescribed by laws. It does not entail punishment, but rather serves as an encouragement to fulfill those obligations without imposing force.



In Nagano, 48% of those who died of bicycle accidents got head injuries. Without wearing helmets, the fatality rate will be about double compared to wearing helmets.

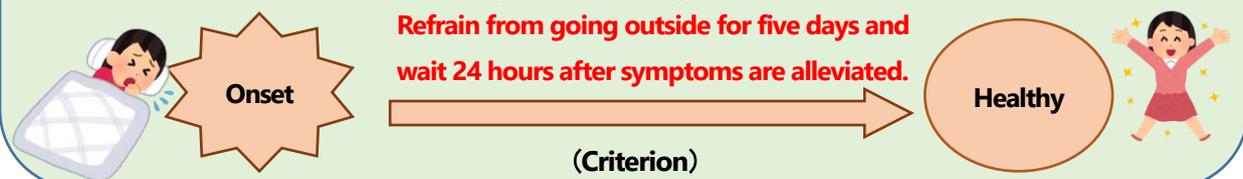
In case of an emergency, wear a helmet and ride your bicycle safely!

COVID-19 as Class 5

From May 8, 2023, COVID-19 was reclassified as Class 5.

Main changes

- Persons tested positive are not requested to avoid going out according to laws.
⇒ **It is recommended for them to stay inside for five days after the onset (and a day after fever goes down or their symptoms are alleviated).**
- Health centers do not identify close contact persons.
- Household members are not required to avoid going out.



We are going back to life before COVID-19, but let's continue to take precautions not to be infected.

