

Information Pertaining to the Financial Assistance Available to the Nagano Prefecture Area Businesses Whom Have Been Requested to Temporarily Close to Halt the Spread of COVID-19

General Overview

- Due to the emergency declaration and associated measures put in place by Nagano Prefecture to prevent the spread of the novel coronavirus, the prefecture is now working to provide financial assistance to businesses that have shut down in cooperation with our efforts to stem the increase of new infections.
- The financial assistance being made covers the period from which Nagano Prefecture first requested a temporary halt to certain key businesses (Wednesday, April 23) and continues up until the end of the national government's formally announced Emergency Declaration period of Wednesday, May 6th. Therefore, business who have voluntarily ceased operation for the full term of April 24th to May 6th, in accordance with the prefecture's request, are eligible to receive this assistance.

Assistance & Eligibility

1 Prefectural / Municipal COVID-19 Cooperative Support Fund

Financial assistance from this jointly created fund is available to businesses whom, as requested by Nagano prefecture (based on Article 24, Paragraph 9 of the Act on Special Measures against Influenza, etc...), have closed or modified their business hours during the stated period:

(1) Business operators with facilities in Nagano Prefecture who have suspended operations

This applies to the types of businesses identified as posing a particularly high risk for spreading infection, such as; entertainment establishments (night clubs, karaoke, concert halls, etc...), sports and exercise facilities (gymnasiums, sports clubs, majhong clubs, pachinko parlors, arcades, etc...), museums, theaters, planetariums and more. For a full list, please see the [following page](#) (Japanese only).

(2) Food industry businesses/providers with facilities in Nagano Prefecture who have shortened their business hours and/or limited the time during which they serve alcohol (or have fully suspended operations)

Note: "Shortened business hours / limited alcohol service" specifically pertains to refraining from operating between the hours of 8 p.m. and 5 a.m, with alcohol being served no later than 7 p.m. (excluding delivery and takeout).

2 Prefectural / Municipal COVID-19 Financial Assistance Fund

Financial assistance from this jointly created fund is available to aid prefecturally-based tourism-related businesses that operate facilities for such purposes as meetings, exhibitions, sightseeing, accommodation, etc..., and whom have abided by the prefecture's request to close their facilities during this time.

Assistance Amount

- Assistance is limited to a one-time payment in the amount of ¥300,000 per business operator (of which, ¥200,000 will be provided by the prefecture and ¥100,000 by the local municipality).

Other

- Businesses headquartered outside of Nagano Prefecture, who maintain and operate facilities located within the prefecture, and have voluntarily abided by the government's request to suspend or limit their operation as outlined above, will also be eligible for assistance under these programs.

Schedule (Tentative)

- Application Guideline Announcement - Thursday, April 30th
- Application Period - Two week period beginning on Thursday, May 7th
- Assistance Payment - Payments will begin from the end of May
- Application Method - By mail

While it is not possible to apply online, the paperwork to be filled out and sent by mail will be available to download online. Furthermore, we ask you to refrain from applying in-person, as an added measure against the spread of infection.

Application Documents

	Document	Info
(1)	Application Form	It is necessary to enter your "corporation number" as designated by the National Tax Agency
(2)	Documentation Showing/Confirming Current Business Operation	This may include tax returns, notification form from the opening of a new business, copy of accounting books before closing, etc...
(3)	Documentation Showing/Confirming Suspension of Business Operation	Copy of accounting books showing the amount of business income, copy of online or in-store closure notices, etc...
(4)	Agreement Form	The purpose of this form is to formally and legally state that the content of your application is true

Inquiries

- For inquiries and consultation related to the financial assistance funds, please contact:

Phone Number: 026-235-7945

Hours: 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Additional Information (Japanese Only): https://www.pref.nagano.lg.jp/hoken-shippei/kenko/kenko/kansensho/joho/corona_kyuugyo.html