

December 2021

EiGo Koriyama!

Monthly news and information about Koriyama City in English

Photo: Big Tree Pageant Festa

Yamagata Symphony Orchestra New Year's Concert

After having been closed for reparation work since the earthquake in February this year, the Koriyama City Cultural Center will reopen on the **8th of January**, with a New Year's Concert by the **Yamagata Symphony Orchestra**. This amazing orchestra has won several national awards and performed in the Academy Award-winning film *Departures* (Okuribito, 2008). The concert will feature music by Chopin and Beethoven, performed by pianist **Tomoharu Ushida** and the guidance of conductor **Norichiki Iimori**.

Date: January 8th (Sat.)

Time: 15:00 (doors open at 14:00)

Tickets: ¥4000 (¥2000 for high school students and younger/wheelchair seating), available at the Cultural Center, Usui Dept. (5F), Lawson Tickets (22636) and CN Playguide (www.cnplayguide.com)

WEB: www.bunka-manabi.or.jp/kc-center

MAP: goo.gl/maps/6s1DKydpBwftAwBs9



Koriyama-Ibaraki Pref. Highway Bus

Until February 6th 2022, the *Fukushima Kotsu* and *Ibaraki Kotsu* bus operators are offering a joint highway bus service between Koriyama and the cities of Hitachi and Mito in Ibaraki Pref. All necessary COVID-19 measures will be taken. The bus will run four times per day. For the timetable, check the below website.

Price: ¥2800 (To Hitachi) ¥3000 (to Katsuta Station) or ¥3100 (to Mito).

WEB: bit.ly/Koriyama-Ibaraki



Bandai-Atami Outdoor Ice Skating Rink Opened

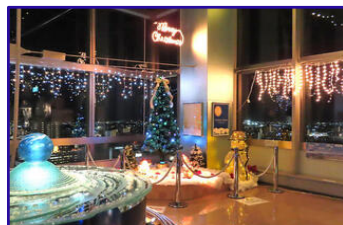
The **Bandai-Atami Outdoor Ice Rink** has been reopened on the **1st of December**. The rink, one of the few 400m tracks in Japan, will be opened until the end of February. Admission is **only ¥400** (¥300 for high school students, ¥200 for younger children). No skates? No problem! For only ¥300 you can rent a pair.

MAP: <https://goo.gl/maps/Y9bR566qqHjdRAPH8>



Christmas Dreams at the Space Park

The **Fureai Science Center (Space Park)** in the Big-i building at Koriyama Station offers a fantastic view of the inner city of Koriyama from the lobby on the 22nd floor. But this view is extra special during the holidays, with the Space Park's **Christmas Dreams** event. The lobby is beautifully decorated and lit up with Christmas lights. Get into the holiday spirit at the Space Park! Admission to the lobby is free.



WEB: www.space-park.jp

COVID-19 Hotline for Foreign Residents

Are you showing symptoms associated with COVID-19, or have other covid-related concerns, do not hesitate to contact Fukushima Prefecture's COVID-19 Hotline for Foreign Residents. Confidentiality guaranteed. The line is free, available 24/7, and accommodates 20 languages using an on-the-phone interpreter.

TEL: 0120-992-860

You can even contact the service using the popular messaging app **LINE**.

Add **@fukushimacovidcall**, and use the phone icon to give them a call. You will be directed to an interpreting service.

Languages: English, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Nepali, French, German, Italian, Russian, Malay, Burmese, Khmer, Mongolian and Sinhalese, Hindi.



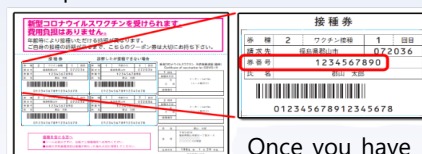
COVID-19 Vaccination Program (Update)

The COVID-19 vaccination program in Koriyama is in full progress. All residents of Koriyama City have been sent vaccination coupons by mail.

The envelope includes the **vaccine coupon**, with a **coupon number**. Use this number to make your reservation.



Also, a **Pre-Vaccination Questionnaire** is included. Please fill it in before going to the vaccination clinic. A translation of the questionnaire can be found on the website below, but



please **be sure to fill in the original Japanese questionnaire.**

Once you have received your coupon, you can make a reservation at either a Collective Vaccination Venue, or your local clinic. For details, Koriyama City offers a website with information on the roll-out of the vaccine in English and Easy Japanese. The page includes information on making reservations, consultation services, your nearest clinics offering the vaccine, etc.



www.city.koriyama.lg.jp/multilingual/28502.html

Koriyama City's Multilingual Portal features a page with all English-language information on COVID-19 from the city administration, such as recent developments, video messages from the mayor, links to multilingual information material, and much more.

www.city.koriyama.lg.jp/multilingual/23413.html

IF YOU SUSPECT YOU MAY HAVE COVID-19

Fukushima Prefecture's has a dashboard page for all the necessary information, such as what organizations to contact, latest statistics on COVID-19 in Fukushima, etc.

<https://fukushima-covid19.web.app/en>