



YONEZAWAJIN



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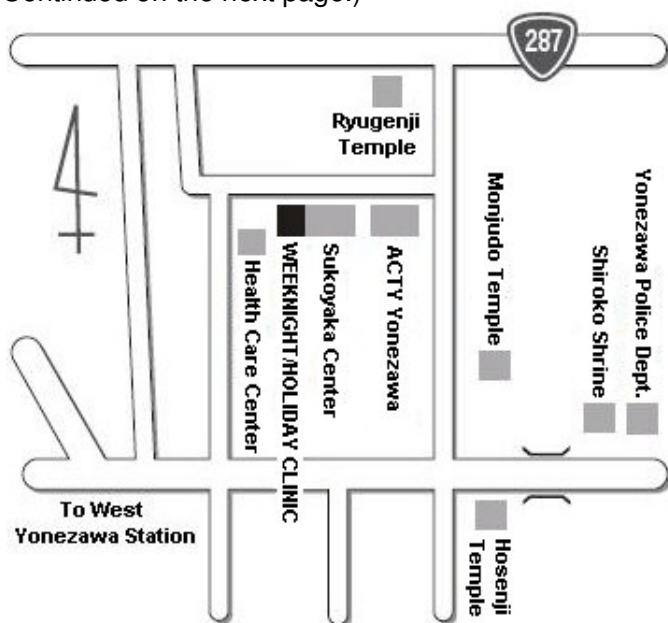


Weeknight Medical Examinations Will Begin *Please visit the Weeknight/Holiday Clinic if your conditions are not severe*

The Holiday Emergency Clinic has been renamed the Weeknight/Holiday Clinic and will start providing medical examinations for pediatrics and internal medicine on weeknights beginning November 4th (Tue). Please come here for an examination if you become ill on a weeknight or on a holiday and if your conditions are not severe.

Emergency Hospitals in Yonezawa (Yonezawa City Hospital, Sanyudo Hospital, and Funayama Hospital) mainly accept patients with serious conditions. The situation there has recently become extremely severe due to an increase in emergency patients and a lack of doctors. The weeknight examination hours at the medical clinic have therefore been extended to lighten the burden on these hospitals.

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Weeknight/ Holiday Clinic TEL(22)9922

Place / West side of Sukoyaka Center
(Nishiodori 1-5-60)

Consultation Days /

- ①Holidays: Sundays, National Holidays, Year-end Holidays(12/31-1/3)
- ②Weeknights: Monday-Friday excluding days for ①

Check In Hours / Holidays: 8:30-16:30

Weeknights: 6:30-21:30

Consultation Hours / Holidays: 9:00-17:00

Weeknights: 19:00-21:30

Consultation Areas / Pediatrics, Internal Medicine

Notes /

- Please bring your Health Insurance Card.
- Medicine will be prescribed for about one day only.
- Depending on your condition, you may be referred to an Emergency Hospital.

DID YOU KNOW???

Soba/Yonezawa Ramen そば・米沢ラーメン



The soba in Yonezawa is generally firm and chewy hand made buckwheat noodles. Soba making in Yonezawa started over 400 years ago under Lord Uesugi Yozaan's economic policy of self-reliance. There are many old-established and new stores specializing in soba in Yonezawa. The thickness of the noodles is different in each store and each store has its own original soba menu. In the Minamihara area of Yonezawa, there are also stores where you can try soba making.

Yonezawa ramen originated in Yonezawa in the early Showa era (1930s~) and today there are over 100 stores in the city. The characteristic of Yonezawa ramen is thin, curly noodles in a light soy sauce flavoured soup. Many stores have recently added various unique varieties of the ramen to differentiate themselves from others.

Yamagata Prefecture International Exchange Center Foreign Resident Consultation Desk

We will be available to listen to anything you want to talk about, including daily concerns that you have, concerns regarding child raising, visa status, or what you desire from our regular consultation services. Why don't we think about these issues together? Anyone is welcome to come.

When: November 25th (Tue) 10:00~15:00

Where: Okitama Sogo Bunka Center Room 301

Languages: Counselors will be available in Chinese, Korean, Portuguese, and Japanese.

* No reservation is necessary.

Please come directly to the site.

* Consultations are free and confidential.

Inquiries: The Association for International Relations in Yamagata (AIRY) Contact Ms. Okabe

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Extra Fees May be Charged at Emergency Hospitals

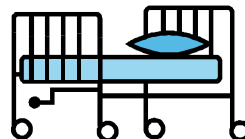
Beginning November 4th, patients who visit the Yonezawa City Hospital, Sanyudo Hospital, and Funayama Hospital on weeknights and on holidays may be charged an extra After-Hour Examination Fee if their condition is determined to not necessarily be an emergency. The cost is different for each hospital.

The number of patients who have non-severe conditions but visit hospitals for emergency examinations during weeknights and holidays have been increasing. This has seriously affected examinations for patients with emergency conditions and have led to doctors becoming overworked.

We would like to ask for your understanding and cooperation so that hospitals may provide safe and high quality medical care for patients with severe or life-threatening conditions.

Situations where After-Hour Examination Fees will not be charged:

1. If the patient needs to be hospitalized.
2. If an emergency examination is necessary based on a doctor's note.
3. If emergency treatment is necessary.
4. If the patient dies during an emergency visit.
5. If an emergency doctor determines that a follow-up is necessary.
6. Other situations where the emergency doctor determines that there is an emergency condition.



Other Events & Information



YIRA Café

If you are interested in international exchange or want to chat with people in different languages including Japanese, English, Chinese or Korean, bring your friends along and come join us for a cup of tea!

When: 11/6 (Thu) 14:30~16:30

Where: City Hall 7F Room 701

Cost: Free

Inquiries: Yonezawa City International Relations Association (YIRA) TEL 22-5111

Kurokawa Noh Yonezawa Performance

When: 11/15 (Sat) 14:00p~

Where: Denkoku No Mori Okitama Bunka Hall

Cost: Reserved Seating-2,500 yen

Free Seating-2,000 yen Student-1000 yen

(500 yen extra for tickets bought at the door)

※Please refrain from bringing small children.

Inquiries: Denkoku No Mori TEL 26-2666

Kinoene Daikokuten Shrine Festival

When: 11/19 (Wed) 10:00~, 12:00~

What: People from across the country come to pray for good luck at the Daikokuten shrine during the festival.

Where: Onogawa Hotsprings Kinoene Daikokuten Shrine

Inquiries: Kinoene Daikokuten TEL 32-2929

Yoji-Jukugo of the Month

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一心不乱

"One heart, no rebellion"

Meaning: Whole-heartedly.

Single-minded devotion to something.

YIRA (Yonezawa City International Relations Association) Event

-YIRA Cafe Special Event-



Potluck Party

Learn about Thanksgiving in the US while enjoying an American-style potluck party!

When: 11/21 (Fri) 12:00~14:00

Where: Okitama Sogo Bunka Center 3F #3 Meeting Room

Cost: Free Please bring 1 dish for 3~5 people (Anything simple is fine. Desserts and drinks are OK as well), plus your own utensils, plates, and cups.

Limit: First 25 people to apply

Inquiries: Yonezawa City International Relations Association (YIRA) TEL 22-5111

Tokyo Metropolitan Brass Quintet Concert

When: 11/30 (Sun) 14:00~

Where: Denkoku No Mori Okitama Bunka Hall

Cost: General-3,000 yen Students-1,500 yen (500 yen extra for tickets bought at the door)

Tickets: Available at Onuma Yonezawa Store, Yonezawa Saty, Yonezawa Gakkiten, Ongaku AZM Kan, Denkoku No Mori

Inquiries: Denkoku No Mori TEL 26-2666

If you would like to be put on our mailing list, or if you have any feedback for the newsletter, please contact us at:

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