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Medical Care You Can Count On



If you have any questions about ward office procedures, financial support for raising children, etc.



Call the Kobe International Community Center (KICC)!

☎ 078-742-872 | (11 languages)

↑ Tap here to visit the website!



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Kobe City General Hospital's world-class advanced medical care

The Kobe City Medical Center General Hospital is celebrating its 100th year of operation this year. It is staffed by about 2,000 medical staff.



- About 1 in 4 of all urgent emergency cases in Kobe are seen here. It has also been ranked by the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare as **the best emergency medical care center in Japan for 9 years in a row.**
- At the in-house Outpatient Chemotherapy Center, the hospital works with specialists in different fields, as well as oncology nurses and pharmacists, to **ensure that you can continue living your everyday life even while receiving cancer treatments.**
- **The hospital provides 24-hour emergency maternity support.** The department is staffed by specialists in different fields, works closely with Internal Medicine and other departments, and is well-prepared for treating pregnancy-related complications.
- As a general hospital, it has departments that treat conditions for all parts of the human body, as well as **14 specialized outpatient services** including smoking cessation, women's and men's health, overseas travel, the Robotic Surgery Center, and the Genome & Genetics Center.

#7119 Emergency Advice Hotline

There are more and more ambulance calls every year, and the numbers now have multiplied by 50% compared to 15 years ago. However, over half of these calls have been for light, "non-urgent" symptoms. If this trend continues, ambulances will have difficulty arriving in time to aid people with serious symptoms, and they will be unable to save lives that could have been saved.

Help us protect these lives by dialing #7119 to speak with a nurse instead of calling 119.

If you have difficulty connecting, try 078-331-7119

Details (JP)→



Free COVID-19 vaccinations until March 31

If you have a COVID-19 vaccination voucher and wish to get vaccinated, speak with your primary care physician before scheduling a vaccination at a clinic or hospital.

*The vaccination voucher is valid until March 31.

If you have lost your voucher, please apply to have it reissued.

Kobe City COVID-19 Vaccination Call Center (☎078-277-3320)

Apply to reissue the vaccination voucher (JP)→



Changes to disability discrimination law from April

Revisions to the Act for Eliminating Discrimination against Persons with Disabilities will take effect from April.

What will change?

If a person with a disability requests some form of accommodation, administrative institutions **are obligated to try to accommodate them** as long as it does not pose an unreasonable burden. **This now includes private entities and organizations.**

Examples:

- A person with a hearing impairment asks a question at a front desk ➡ The staff responds in writing
- A person with a visual impairment asks about a restaurant menu ➡ The staff reads aloud the menu items and prices

What should I do?

Whether it be in your neighborhood or on public transportation, there will be people who need extra consideration in the places where you go about your daily life. If you see a person with a disability or the Help Mark tag who may need help, try to offer them assistance.

Where do I go to ask about potential discrimination?

A counselor will listen to concerns of disability-related discrimination by speaking with the person involved, their family, related parties, and the business entity. Based on the contents of the consultation, the counselor will confirm the other party involved and the situation where the incident occurred, then work to find a resolution by proposing better communication and connecting the parties with appropriate institutions.



Help Mark tag: Indicates that the person needs accommodation despite their outward appearance

[Details \(JP\)→](#)



Newly renovated Kobe Port Tower reopens April 26

The landmark will be brimming with exciting features, including a rooftop deck with a full view of the Kobe cityscape and a 360-degree revolving café and bar.



Brilliance Museum (Observation Section 4F)

The entire family can enjoy art exhibits themed around the concept of “shining (red like the sun)”, including neon art sprinkled with Kobe motifs and art that changes when you move around.

PORT TERRACE Cafe & Bar (Lower Section 3F & 4F)

The café menu includes sandwiches full of ingredients from Hyogo Prefecture, and drinks that use seasonal fruit harvested from farms in Kobe. In the spacious outdoor terrace, you spend a relaxing time with a view of Kobe’s port area.

Hours: 9:00 am - 11:00 pm
(Final admission 10:30 pm)



Fees: A fee is required to enter the rooftop and observation sections

*If prepaid tickets are sold out, at-the-door tickets will not be available that day

*Kobe residents can get 50% off their admission ticket on their birthday

[Hours & fees in detail \(JP\)→](#)



Have a picnic at prime cherry blossom-viewing spots!

Kobe is full of amazing places for viewing cherry blossoms. Stroll through spacious parks and see many different varieties of these pink blooms. If you bring a packed lunch, you can enjoy the view for the entire day.

(Scan the 2D codes for hours and admission)

Oji Zoo

When it turns into spring, about 480 *somei yoshino* cherry blossom trees bloom. This is the only time of year when you can take photos of your favorite animals together with the blossoms. The former Hunter Residence surrounded by pink blossoms is also a wonderful sight.



Suma Rikyu Park

You can enjoy seeing about 150 trees from 10 different varieties in bloom through mid-April. The park also features kid-friendly play areas such as an athletic field and super-long slide, and nothing could be better than enjoying a packed lunch after moving your entire body.



Shiawase-no-Mura

About 900 trees bloom pink in this park. We recommend viewing the cherry blossoms from the green grass and athletic field while enjoying a picnic or stroll. The Japanese Garden will also be illuminated March 29 - April 7.

