

Information concerning the new strain of influenza for foreign residents in Hyogo

The Hyogo Prefectural Government currently provides information and offers consultation services for foreign residents concerning the new strain of influenza as follows:

1. Consultation windows for foreign residents

- a. The Hyogo International Association (HIA) is offering consultation for foreign residents in English, Chinese, Portuguese, and Spanish. This service is also available on holidays starting on May 2.

>>Weekdays: 9:00-17:00 on Mondays-Fridays (except national holidays)
at the HIA Information and Advisory Service Center
Tel: 078-382-2052

>>Holidays: 9:00-17:00 on Saturday, Sundays, and national holidays
at the HIA main office
Tel: 078-230-3260

- b. Sponsored by HIA, NGO Network for Foreigners' Assistance KOBE, NGO VIETNAM in KOBE, the Sasayama International Center of Understanding, and Himeji-hatsu Sekai provide consultation services on holidays and at night on some days of a week.

2. Websites

Governor Ido's messages concerning the flu are posted on the Hyogo Prefectural Government and HIA websites in 7 languages: English, French, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Portuguese, and Spanish.

3. Radio broadcasting

The Governor's messages are broadcast on FM COCOLO (76.5 MHz) and FMYY (77.8MHz) in 7 languages: English, Korean, Chinese, Vietnamese, Portuguese, Spanish, and Tagalog. These radio stations will also start transmitting information on the consultation windows.

4. Distribution of materials

The Governor's messages are distributed through the international exchange offices of municipal governments, and international exchange organizations in cities and towns (the Hyogo liaison council of municipal level international exchange organizations), foreigners' communities (the Comunidade Brasileira de Kansai, Comunidad Latina de Hyogo), and Consulates General.