

1) A notice about vaccine subsidies for seniors.

Hiratsuka City is offering partial subsidies for influenza and COVID-19 vaccinations for residents aged 65 and older.

The subsidy period runs from October 1st to January 31st, 2026.

The cost is ¥1,600 for the influenza vaccine and ¥2,800 for the COVID-19 vaccine.

Vaccinations are available at medical institutions within the city.

2) Sports classes starting in December

Hiratsuka City will offer a variety of sports classes to promote health and wellness among residents.

Classes include Tai Chi, badminton, Zumba dance, and fat-burning exercises.

For schedules, fees, and other details, please visit the Machizukuri Foundation's website.

Inquiries: 0463-35-0102

The application deadline is Friday, November 14th.

3) Public housing application notice

Hiratsuka City is now accepting applications for public housing.

For details on eligibility and conditions, please check the brochures available at the City Hall's first-floor information desk or at your local community center.

Move-in date is scheduled for March 1st, 2026.

The application deadline is Wednesday, November 18th.

For inquiries, please contact Tokyu Community at 0463-74-4005.

4) Hiratsuka Folk Performing Arts Festival

On Sunday, November 16th, from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM, the Hiratsuka Folk Performing Arts Festival will be held at the Chūō Community Center.

Enjoy traditional Japanese performances such as festival taiko drumming and ningyō jōruri (puppet theater).

Admission is limited to the first 250 guests.

For more information, please contact the Hiratsuka City Social Education Division at 0463-35-8124.

5) Shonan Hiratsuka International Exchange Festival

On Sunday, November 16th, from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM, the International Exchange Festival will take place near the outdoor stage at Hiratsuka City's Sogo Koen Park.

Stage performances will feature cultural showcases including Yosakoi dance, Samba, Egyptian dance, Japanese classical dance, and Tanabata taiko drumming.

Food stalls will offer international cuisine from countries such as Singapore, Indonesia, Turkey, Egypt, Tanzania, Peru, the Philippines, and Taiwan.

Volunteers will partially provide English interpretation for stage announcements.

English-speaking guides will also be available at the venue to assist visitors.

Admission is free and no reservation is required.

We warmly invite everyone to join us!

For inquiries, please contact the Hiratsuka City Cultural Exchange Division at 0463-25-2520.

6) Next, a notice about the upcoming J-Alert test broadcast.

On Wednesday, November 12th, around 11:00 a.m., the city of Hiratsuka will conduct a test of the J-Alert emergency broadcast system.

J-Alert is a nationwide alarm system used to quickly notify the public in case of major disasters or missile threats.

Please be aware that this is only a test, and do not mistake it for a real emergency.