



# Iwa-Key

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## Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

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### Coronavirus Support and Prevention Incentives

Iwaki City is currently promoting initiatives to help support local businesses, while helping to curb COVID-19 cases wherever possible. One of which is the **Iwaki Anshin Coronavirus Notification System (あんしんコロナお知らせシステム Anshin Corona Oshirase System)**. By scanning QR Codes located at various businesses in Iwaki and sending a blank email to the official address generated, it serves as a "check in" to help with contact tracing. In the event that a new case emerges near one of your registered check-in points, you will be automatically notified by email. Further, email accounts that have checked in will be automatically entered into a lottery to win 3000 yen in coupons to be redeemed at local businesses. For more information about the Iwaki Anshin Coronavirus Notification System and participating businesses, check out <https://www.anshin-iwaki.jp/> (Japanese Only).



Also available at participating restaurants throughout Fukushima prefecture are **Prefectural Support Certificates (応援券 Ooen ken)**. These vouchers cost 1000 yen a piece, and can be redeemed for a higher value of 1100 yen at franchises, and 1200 yen at independent businesses (effectively saving you up to 20% on any given purchase). Over 120 businesses in Iwaki are currently participating, so be sure to ask about these when making a food or drink purchase of over 1000 yen. In addition to food, Fukushima prefecture is offering support vouchers for local products such as souvenirs. For 5000 yen, you receive 14 vouchers of 500 yen (total value of 7000 yen). They can be redeemed at seven popular tourist markets throughout the prefecture, including Iwaki La La Mew. This could be a good opportunity to bring Iwaki to the friends you can't bring here, or just to discover more of the local specialties in your own back yard. Information for both services is available at <https://fukushima-oen.com/>.



### Autumn Incoming

As the weather cools and the days grow colder, there are a lot of things to look forward to in the fall; seasonal foods, changing leaves, lack of back sweat... However, autumn is also typhoon season. Iwaki residents may best be advised review their typhoon procedures, and review and restock disaster kits, just in case. For those not yet registered, subscribing to updates from the Iwaki City Disaster Prevention Email Service is a wise move.

### Iwaki City Disaster Prevention Email Service

By registering via your PC or mobile device, you can receive alerts regarding warnings/advisories for various disasters such as typhoons, earthquakes and tsunamis as well as evacuation orders and advisories (the service is only available in Japanese). To register, simply follow the steps below:

1. Send a blank email to [iwaki@entry.mail-dot.jp](mailto:iwaki@entry.mail-dot.jp) or use the QR code located below. You will then receive an email to register for the service.
2. Click on the URL link in the email and agree to the Site Policy.
3. Select what notices you would like to receive.
4. Confirm and click "register". You will receive an email to confirm that your registration is complete.



### Explanation of the Disaster Warning Levels (警戒レベル Keikai Reberu)

- Level 3: 避難準備・高齢者等避難開始 Hinanjunbi / Koureishatou- Hinankaishi  
Prepare to evacuate / Begin evacuating if you're elderly or ill etc.  
– Keep an eye on disaster updates. Evacuate early if you feel unsafe.
- Level 4: 避難勧告 Hinankankoku  
Evacuation Advisory – You are advised to evacuate to a shelter or a safe location. But stay indoors if it is too dangerous to go outside.
- Level 4: 避難指示 (緊急) Hinanshiji (Kinkyuu)  
Emergency Evacuation Order – You must evacuate immediately. But stay indoors if it is too dangerous to go outside.
- Level 5: 災害発生 Saigaihassei  
Disaster has Already Occurred – Disaster is occurring right now. Evacuate immediately or do whatever you can to protect yourself (e.g. evacuate upstairs or away from cliff edge in case of landslides/ flooding).

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(The IIA is also on Facebook and Twitter)

The Tourism Exchange Division and the IIA are open to the public. Please feel free to drop by, call, or e-mail us anytime.



# Iwaki Festivals and Events

Event	When & Where	Details	Inquiries
The Works of Samuel Jessurun de Mesquita	Ongoing until October 25 <sup>th</sup> Iwaki City Art Museum	Learn about the distinctive works and tragic story of Mesquita, teacher to renowned pupils such as M.C. Escher.	Iwaki City Art Museum TEL: 0246-25-1111 Website: <a href="http://www.city.iwaki.lg.jp/artmuseum.html">http://www.city.iwaki.lg.jp/artmuseum.html</a>
Grape Picking	End date to be determined (please contact the farm) Natsugawa Valley Grape Village	Come catch the end-of-season grape harvest. 1200 yen for adults, 800 yen for children, free for three years of age or younger. Located less than a five-minute drive from Kawamae station, or a forty minute drive from Iwaki-Chuo IC.	Natsugawa Valley Grape Village TEL: 0246-84-2023
Swords! Swords! Swords!	Ongoing until November 17 <sup>th</sup> Nakoso Barrier Historical Literature Museum	In Iwaki, several swordsmiths were active during the Edo Period. Several of their works have been carefully preserved and handed down to this day, including of which that are now featured at Nakoso Barrier Historical Literature Museum. Admission 330 yen.	Nakoso Barrier Historical Literature Museum TEL: 0246-65-6166
Exploring Iwaki's Yayoi Period	Ongoing Until December 12 <sup>th</sup> Iwaki City Archeological Museum	Come see the basic tools that marked the beginning of rice production, as they've been found in what is now known as Iwaki. Free Admission.	Iwaki City Archeological Museum TEL: 0246-43-0391
HALLOWE'EN PARTY 2020 in IwakiPIT	October 25 <sup>th</sup> , 13:00-15:00 Team Smile Iwaki PIT	What better way to ring in the fall than with a Halloween party? Adults and children are welcome. Costume contest from 13:30-14:30. Participants please register in advance via email with name, age, phone number, and email address of participant(s).	Team Smile Iwaki PIT TEL:0246-38-3826 E-mail: iwaki-pit@team-smile.org
Parent and Child Yunodake Nature Tour	Saturday, October 31 <sup>st</sup> , 9:30am-12:00pm Iwaki Forestry Training Centre Yunodake Sanso	Details: Learn about biodiversity while taking a guided tour of mount Yunodake in Yumoto! Children of elementary school age and older are welcomed. Space is limited at twenty people, so please be sure to reserve in advance via fax or email by Friday, October 23 <sup>rd</sup> .	Environmental Planning Division TEL : 0246-22-7441 FAX : 0246-22-7599 E-mail : kankyokikaku@city.iwaki.lg.jp
Green Slow Mobility Transportation System Toybox	Ongoing until November 23 <sup>rd</sup> Various Locations Around Iwaki Station	Demonstrations of this new, environmentally-friendly technology have been extended, offering taxi service between 23 designated boarding points around Iwaki Station (complete list available online). Guests are asked to reserve service - this can be done via smartphone on demand between 9:00-4:30 at <a href="https://bit.ly/iwakigs">https://bit.ly/iwakigs</a> . Readers should be advised that for the additional service cost of 100 yen is now required.	Hotoku Taxi TEL: 0246-23-6111 Website: <a href="https://bit.ly/iwakigs">https://bit.ly/iwakigs</a>
Parasports Experience Events	Various dates from October 3 <sup>rd</sup> -March 6 <sup>th</sup> Iwaki Sun Abilities	In anticipation of the Paralympic Games in Tokyo next year, Iwaki Sun Abilities will be conducting several parasports trial lessons. Workshops will last roughly an hour and a have each. For a complete list of dates and programs,	Iwaki Sun Abilities FAX: 0246-43-7791 Website: <a href="http://www.i7.plala.or.jp/sunabi-iwaki/info.html">http://www.i7.plala.or.jp/sunabi-iwaki/info.html</a>
Iwaki FC Healthy Bodybuilding Course	Online October 10 <sup>th</sup> -December 26 <sup>th</sup>	Iwaki FC and Iwaki City have collaborated to promote health body building. Due to Coronavirus, this course will mainly be conducted online, therefore a device with internet connectivity, camera, and microphone are necessary. Registration is free. To register, and for more details, check out <a href="mailto:iwakifc@domecorp.com">iwakifc@domecorp.com</a> . Registration Deadline is October 6th	Iwaki FC TEL: 0246-72-2511 Email: <a href="mailto:iwakifc@domecorp.com">iwakifc@domecorp.com</a>
HotSpring Town Hula Stagger (湯の街フラふらりー Yu no Machi Hula Furari)	Throughout Yumoto October 1 <sup>st</sup> -February 28 <sup>th</sup>	Businesses in Yumoto will be selling coupon sheets, that allow for a host of nearly sixty different workshops, services, and discounts throughout the area. Out of these options, you can freely choose five of your liking. Although one of them is pre-designated as a drop-in onsen coupon, redeemable at one of nine listed ryokan in Yumoto area. Ticket sheets are 3300 yen.	Annual Festival Executive Committee TEL: 0246-43-2757

● The information above may be subject to cancellation or change. Before attending events, please confirm with the sponsors in advance.

**Regarding Cancellations:** We regret to inform that the Iwaki Machinaka Concert, as well as this year's Iwaki Cycling Event have been cancelled due to COVID-19. Furthermore, although not an October event, it was recently confirmed that the Iwaki Sunshine Marathon has officially been cancelled for its third consecutive year. We hope that subscribers will understand the circumstances, and continue to exercise personal responsibility while attending events in Iwaki.

