



## Iwaki City Monthly Event & Information Guide

Iwa-Key



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### Bracing for the Fourth Wave

Iwaki has seen an extreme surge in COVID-19 cases over the past month, with numbers as high as 101 new cases in a day being recorded. In light of these outbreaks, it has been officially confirmed that the more-infectious Delta variant is now present in Iwaki. Although more beds and resources are being allocated, the strain that this is putting on Iwaki's medical system is not to be understated – as several of the non-severe cases are now quarantining in their own homes, as opposed to medical facilities.

To address this serious situation, Iwaki has once again entered a state of Simultaneous COVID-19 Countermeasures, effective until September 12<sup>th</sup>. Residents are advised to act in consideration of the safety of their friends and loved ones, and avoid non-urgent, non-essential outings as much as possible.

This is in addition to the standard measures, including refraining from travel, avoiding high-risk scenarios such as the "Three C's", and practicing basic hygiene measures such as mask-wearing, not sharing plates, and careful washing and disinfecting of hands.

In light of the current circumstances, this month's issue of Iwa-Key will focus less on event information, in lieu of providing updates on Iwaki City's vaccine program, as well as other resources related to COVID-19.

Thank you for your understanding.

### If you suspect you may have COVID-19

If you are showing symptoms associated with COVID-19, or have other concerns related to COVID, you can contact Fukushima's COVID Hotline for Foreign Residents. This free service is available 24/7, with interpretation in 19 different languages (English, Chinese, Spanish, Portuguese, Korean, Tagalog, Thai, Vietnamese, Indonesian, Nepali, French, German, Italian, Russian, Malay, Burmese, Khmer, Mongolian, and Sinhalese).

Service is available by phone: 0120-992-860

Or via the app, LINE: @fukushimacovidcall \*

(\*Use the phone icon to call, and you will be directed to an interpreting service)

### FOR THE LATEST UPDATES:

Fukushima prefecture's English language COVID portal is updated with the latest statistics, and other helpful information.



<https://fukushima-covid19.web.app/en>

### Rollout Resumed

Iwaki's COVID-19 Vaccination Process has resumed! Vaccine tickets for all Iwaki residents over the age of twelve will be delivered, starting from September 3<sup>rd</sup>.

Upon receiving your ticket, please make a reservation using one of the below methods:

Phone: 0246-30-9000

Free Dial: 0120-053-500 (Available every day, 9AM-5PM)

Online: <https://iwaki.hbf-rsv.jp> (Available 24/7)

Enclosed with the ticket will be a Prevacination Screening Questionnaire. Please complete it prior to vaccination. Although the original Japanese form must be filled out, an English translation is available for comparison via the link below\*

(<https://www.mhlw.go.jp/content/000759454.pdf>)



When reserving vaccination, you will need to provide the 10-digit vaccination number listed on your tickets, name, and date of birth, as well as choose the date and the facility where you wish to be vaccinated.

For a full list of clinics offering vaccination, consult the enclosed list (however, please be advised that this list may vary according to vaccine supply). If you are uncertain of where to be vaccinated, mass vaccination sites such as Iwaki Greenbase and Iwaki Taira Gymnasium are a safe bet.

### For Detailed Guidance Specific to Iwaki:

For a detailed breakdown of vaccine process, and for more information regarding vaccination procedures in Iwaki, please consult the detailed guide located on the Iwaki International Organization's web page. All documents are available in Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese.



<https://iia-fukushima.or.jp/en/2021/06/08/koronawakuti>

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