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Protect yourself and others from COVID-19

Avoid the following "5 Situations" that increase the risk of infection

Situation 1 Social gatherings which involve drinking alcohol

- Drinking alcohol improves mood, yet reduces vigilance. Also, hearing becomes dull, leading to speaking in a louder voice.
- Large numbers of people in a small separate room without ventilation for an extended period time increases risk.
- In addition, drinking in turn from one cup and sharing chopsticks increases the risk of infection.

Situation 2 Long feasts or large groups

- Long-term meals, reception meals and barhopping until late at night increases the risk of infection, compared to short-term meals.
- Eating and drinking in a large group of people (5 or more) also increases the risk because people tend to talk louder in big groups which causes more droplets of saliva to spread.

Situation 3 Conversation without a mask

- Talking at close range without a mask increases the risk of airborne and micro-droplet infection.
- One of the cases of the infection without a mask was confirmed to have happened during daytime karaoke.
- Please be cautious when traveling by car or bus.

Situation 4 Living together in a small limited space

- Communal living in a small space increases the risk of infection, because the closed space is shared by several people for a long time.
- Cases of suspected infection in common areas such as dormitory rooms, toilets and bathrooms have been reported.

Situation 5 Change of locations

- If you change your location, such as during a break at work, you may be at increased risk of infection due to a lax environment and loosening of rules.
- Cases of suspected infection in resting rooms, smoking rooms, and changing rooms have been confirmed.

◆ Health Promotion Section
Tel. 048-528-0601



Spanish Language Class for Beginners

☆ Anyone who lives, works, or in the vicinity of Kumagaya can apply.

Date : January 30 ~ March 6, 2021
(6 lessons held every Saturday)

Time : 10:00 am ~ 11:30 am

Venue: Green Center (Ryokka Center)

Fee : 2,000 yen

Advance application needed

You need to be a member of KIFA before attending this event. The membership fee/year is ¥ 1,000.
For further information, please feel free to contact us.

☆ KIFA ☆ Information

Kumagaya International Friendship Association



Japanese Language Class

Please note that participation in the Japanese class will now require you to book a seat in advance.

Date & Hours =
2 pm-3 pm Every 1st, 2nd, & 3rd Sundays
Place = Green center (next to the Kumagaya City Hall)
Fee = 100yen (*free of charge for members)

For further information, please call us on the phone number below or check out our website.

Office Information

Days: Monday through Friday (Closed on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays)

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City population (As of December 1st, 2020): 195,476

Foreign resident population: 3,573

