

Tsukuba City's Support Measures for Citizens Affected by COVID-19

Livelihood support for elderly people, disabled people, and household with children, as well as lending of tablet computers for online studying

1. Livelihood Support Project: **Distribution of masks for elderly people and gift vouchers**

Distribute gift vouchers that can be used at affiliated shops within Tsukuba City to citizens who are over 70-year-old, under 18-year-old, and citizens with disabilities. We will also send 3 masks along with notification of Respect-for-Senior-Citizens Day event cancellation.

5,000 yen gift voucher/person: Residents over 70-year-old, under 18-year-old, and citizens with disabilities.

Number of affiliated shops: Coming soon

2. Support Payment for Households with Children: **Childcare Allowance and Financial Support for Education**

Tsukuba City provides Support Payment for Households with Children for single parent households receiving Childcare Allowance and for household receiving Financial Support for Education, but not receiving welfare benefit.

Payment amount 30,000 yen per household

- The number of household receiving this Payment: About 1,780 households
- Household receiving Childcare Allowance...1,350 households (As of May in 2020)
- Household receiving Financial Support for Education only...424 households

3. Support Project for online and at-home learning

In order to provide one device per student as early as possible, which is part of GIGA school concept by Ministry of Education, Culture Sports, Science and Technology, we will lend online study device(s) that we swiftly mobilized to each household.

*Survey on the usage of the Internet at each household in May and will find out which household might be eligible for lending devices.

Number of eligible students: About 700 students *Number of household without Internet access at home.

Online study device: One device per student *Enables students to make use of online study support provided by Education Bureau of Tsukuba.