

SHINAGAWA

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Community Bus Starts Its Test Run

As of March 28, Shinagawa City began test runs of its first community bus.

Test Run Outline

Route: Nishi-Oi Station ~ Omori Station North Exit

Note: About 3.2 kilometers one way.

Hours of Operation:

- Nishi-Oi Station Departures
First: 7:00 a.m. Last: 8:30 p.m.
- Omori Station North Exit Departures
First: 7:30 a.m. Last: 9:00 p.m.

Note: About twenty minutes one way.

Frequency: 28 buses at 30-minute intervals one way (scheduled to change after August)

Note: Bus schedules for Monday through Friday, for Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays.

Operating Company: TOKYU BUS CORPORATION

Vehicles in Use: Hino Motors, Ltd. Poncho Short (mini-bus)

Fares

	Cash	IC Card
Adult	¥220	¥220
Child	¥110	¥110
Disabled (Adult)	¥110	¥110
Disabled (Child)	¥60	¥55

Kaisu-ken Frequent User Discount Tickets

Cash Purchase Only
¥2,000 ticket (packet of 10 × ¥220 tickets)
¥1,000 ticket (packet of 10 × ¥110 tickets)
¥500 ticket (packet of 10 × ¥60 tickets)



"Shina-Bus"
is the nickname of this bus.

- Tokyo Senior Pass is also available.
- In addition, if you will also be riding a city bus (Tokyu Bus), you can use the Tokyu Bus One-day Pass (adult: ¥520; child: ¥260) when you ride the Community Bus (the fare can be paid using a PASMO or Suica card).
- Note:** Paper-type one-day discount tickets for disabled persons are sold at bus service office (Adult: ¥260, Child: ¥130).
- There is no Shina-Bus commuter pass. Tokyu Bus commuter passes cannot be used, either.

Inquiries: Unit in charge of Planning Coordination, Urban Planning Section (Tel: 03-5742-6760, Fax: 03-5742-6889)

An Announcement about the COVID-19 Vaccine

Information current as of: March 25

About the Effective Expiration Dates of COVID-19 Vaccines

The effective periods of both the Pfizer Inc. and Takeda-Moderna Inc. vaccines have been extended. Furthermore, **although the effective expiration date may be as written on the vaccine sticker at the time of vaccination before the extension, the vaccine will retain its effectiveness, so please do not worry.**

● About the Effective Period of the Pfizer Inc. Vaccine

The effective period of Pfizer Inc. vaccines stored at a temperature between -90 degrees and -60 degrees Celsius has been extended from six months to nine months.

For example, vaccines with an effective expiration date of "February 28, 2022" printed on the vaccine sticker will be effective for an additional three months.

● About the Effective Period of the Takeda-Moderna Inc. Vaccine

The effective period of Takeda-Moderna Inc. vaccines stored at a temperature of -20 degrees Celsius, plus or minus 5 degrees Celsius, has been extended from six months to nine months. The effective period of the Takeda-Moderna Inc. vaccine is not printed on the vaccine sticker.

Note: Some vaccines have had their effective periods extended from six months up to between seven and nine months.

About Mixing Vaccines

Receiving a booster (third) injection of a COVID-19 vaccine produced by a different company than the first and second injections (mixing vaccines) has been recognized as safe and effective.

● Effects of Receiving a Third Injection Different Than the First Two Injections

Results have been announced of studies conducted in the United Kingdom where various vaccines were administered for the third injection. Antibodies increased enough both for those who received Pfizer Inc. vaccines for their first, second and third injections and for those who received Pfizer Inc. vaccines for their first and second injections but Takeda-Moderna Inc. for the third injection.

Combining Vaccines			Antibody Value
Pfizer	→	Pfizer → Moderna	Antibodies increased.
Pfizer	→	Pfizer → Pfizer	

Reference: Munro APS, et al. The Lancet, December 2021.

Information provided in "An Announcement Concerning the Vaccine Used in the Booster Vaccine (third injection)" on the website of the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare.

Inquiries: Shinagawa Coronavirus Vaccination Call Center Tel: 03-6633-2433, Fax: 03-6684-4845

Shinagawa City Office to Be Reorganized in April

The organization of the city office has been revamped to address new administrative issues and to improve city resident services. We describe the changes being made below.
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● **New Sections/Subsections**

- New Government Building Maintenance Section (Unit in charge of New Government Building Maintenance): Responsible for maintaining the new government building.
- Handicapped Residents Policy Promotion Section (Planning and Promotion Subsection, Unit in charge of Handicapped Residents Facility Planning): Responsible for planning policies related to handicapped residents and maintaining facilities for handicapped residents.

● **Sections/Subsections Being Renamed**

(Formerly) Welfare Section for Handicapped Residents (Welfare Subsection for Handicapped Residents) ⇒ (New) Handicapped Residents Support Section (Handicapped Residents Support Subsection)

● **New Subsections**

- Section Chief in charge of Yashio Development (Community Promotion Section): Responsible for making Yashio a more attractive area.
- Section Chief in charge of Family Registry System (Family Registry and Residents Section): Responsible for responding to legal revisions efficiently and smoothly.
- Industry Alliance Promotion Subsection (Commerce and Manufacturing Section): Responsible for handling policies meant to spur the growth of industry in Shinagawa City.
- Section Chief in charge of Starting Work Support (Commerce and Manufacturing Section): Responsible for supporting people starting work.
- Unit in charge of Sports Promotion (Sports Promotion Section): Responsible for overseeing the Tokyo 2020 Olympics/Paralympics Legacy Policies and holding the city marathon.

- Section Chief in charge of Childrearing Support (Child and Family Support Center): Responsible for overseeing childrearing programs and support for young carers.
- Section Chief in charge of Business Support (Senior Citizens Welfare Section): Responsible for reinforcing systems involving the maintenance of elderly welfare facilities.
- Dementia Sufferers Support Subsection (Senior Citizens Local Support Section): Responsible for overseeing policies for dementia sufferers, including prevention programs.
- Section Chief in charge of Senior Citizens Activity Support (Senior Citizens Local Support Section): Responsible for overseeing programs to enrich the lives of the elderly.

● **Section Eliminated**

- Olympic and Paralympic Games Preparation Section: With the successful close of the Tokyo 2020 Olympics/Paralympics, this section has been eliminated.

● **Changes in Service Counters Due to Organizational Restructuring**

Services	Before Change	After Change
• For issues related to maintenance, such as of the Shinagawa City General Building	Section Chief in charge of Building Planning, Property Management and Contract Section	Unit in charge of New Government Building Maintenance, New Government Building Maintenance Section
	Commerce and Manufacturing Section	
• For issues of the general operation related to start-up support facilities, factory apartments, and Shinagawa industry support/friendly exchange facilities • For issues related to contacting and coordinating with the Shinagawa Business Club	Small and Medium-sized Business Support Subsection	Business Start-up Support Subsection
• For support and issues related to starting work • Contacting and coordinating with the Shinagawa Silver Human Resource Center	Unit in charge of Industrial Vitalization	Unit in charge of Starting Work Support
• Planning welfare programs for handicapped residents • Handling instruction and supervision for welfare service companies for handicapped residents	Unit in charge of Policy Promotion for Handicapped Residents, Welfare Section for Handicapped Residents	Planning and Promotion Subsection, Handicapped Residents Policy Promotion Section
• Coordinating welfare facilities for handicapped residents and handicapped children		Unit in charge of Handicapped Residents Facility Planning
• Handling care programs for elderly dementia sufferers	Dementia Sufferers Support Subsection, Senior Citizens Welfare Section	Dementia Sufferers Support Subsection (no change in English-language translation), Senior Citizens Local Support Section

Notice regarding Dog Registration and Periodic Group Rabies Vaccination

Dogs 91 days old or older must be registered once in their lifetime and are to be given a rabies shot once a year.

● **Registration**

Registration is required within 30 days if you acquire a dog 91 days old or older. Upon registration, you will be issued with a dog tag. Please attach the tag to your dog's collar. The registration fee is 3,000 yen.

- If there is a change
Please file a change notification whenever the owner's address changes or if the dog's ownership is transferred.
- If your dog passes away
Please file a notification that your dog has passed away.

You can complete both procedures above at the Shinagawa Public Health Center's Public Hygiene Section, Shinagawa Health Service Center, Ebara Health Service Center, or any regional community center. For a death notification, applications can be made online via the Shinagawa City website (in Japanese).

● **Periodic Group Rabies Vaccination**

According to the Rabies Prevention Law, dog owners must have their pets vaccinated annually to prevent rabies.

Periodic group vaccinations will be conducted at sixteen designated veterinary hospitals in Shinagawa City.

Dates: Until April 30 (Sat.)

Notes:

1. Since the hours of these locations vary, please confirm the hours of the veterinary hospital you plan to use.
2. If there are unavoidable circumstances related to preventing the spread of COVID-19, please vaccinate your dog at a veterinary hospital by the end of December and complete the designated application procedures to receive a vaccination completion slip at the Shinagawa Public Health Center's Public Hygiene Section, Shinagawa Health Service Center or your local community center.

Eligibility: Dogs 91 days old or older

Fee: ¥3,750 (vaccination fee/vaccination tag issuance fee)

Note: If you have your dog vaccinated on a day outside of the designated period, the fees may be different.

Inquiries: Public Hygiene Section (Hon Chosha 7F)

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Shinagawa Info

Multilingual FM City News Broadcasts

The city government broadcasts *Shinagawa Info*, a 3-minute municipal news program, in several languages on InterFM897 (89.7 MHz) from 6:56 a.m., Monday through Friday.

The languages broadcast are as follows:

Mondays: Chinese and Japanese

Tuesdays: Korean and Japanese

Wednesdays: Tagalog and Japanese

Thursdays: English and Japanese

Fridays: English and Japanese

In addition to daily-living information, emergency information is broadcast during times of emergency.

Website: <https://www.interfm.co.jp/timetable/>

COVID-19 Vaccination Information Center for International Citizen

Consultation services are available if you have any questions about the Covid-19 vaccination, such as how to make an appointment. We will provide these services in plain Japanese.

Tel 03-6261-6356

Hours 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays)

For more information on the center, please check here.



Tokyo Multilingual Consultation Navi

Consultation services are available for any concerns regarding the spread of the novel coronavirus and its impact on lives.

Languages: Fourteen (plain Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Nepalese, Indonesian, Tagalog, Thai, Portuguese, Spanish, French, Hindi and Russian)

Tel 03-6258-1227

Hours 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (excluding Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays)

COVID-19 Omicron Variant Call Center

Consultation services are available if you have questions or concerns about COVID-19 infection, such as how to prevent the spread of the virus and what to do if symptoms appear at the contact numbers below.

Languages: Twelve (Japanese, English, Chinese, Korean, Vietnamese, Tagalog, Nepalese, Burmese, Thai, French, Portuguese and Spanish)

Tel 0570-550571 **Fax** 03-5388-1396

Hours 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. (Available on Saturdays, Sundays and national holidays as well.)

