

Regarding Trips to Yamanouchi, Nagano Pref.

Warmest regards to you.

Now, Yamanouchi in Nagano Prefecture prides itself on offering the majestic nature of UNESCO Biosphere Reserve-designated Shiga Highlands, the Yudanaka Shibu hot springs with their endless flow of warm water, and the primeval Japanese scenery preserved in Kitashiga Highlands, and more than four million of you are good enough to visit us each year.

Since June 19th, Nagano Prefecture has been calling for a cautious approach to visits to and from other prefectures, taking positive steps to expand tourism in phases from neighboring prefectures to the nation as a whole.

Though we are a small town, in order to ensure both the safety of the numerous tourists we receive and the businesses who welcome those guests, and to provide an environment they can visit safely, Nagano Prefecture and the regional medical facilities have worked together closely to produce the attached "Yamanouchi Guidelines to Prevent the Spread of COVID-19 While Accepting Guests," and established comprehensive procedures for preventing infection at tourism and lodging facilities.

As for medical care and testing systems, according to the COVID-19 Infection Response Guidebook formulated by Nagano Prefecture, a Consultation Corner for Symptomatic Persons has been established at Hokushin Health and Welfare Office, and emergency medical response takes the form of regional medical services borne by JA Nagano Kouseiren Hokushin General Hospital, which is ready to accept admissions 24 hours a day.

The public and private sector are working in concert to provide an even safer environment for your travels, so that you all might have a variety of experiences and encounters in a setting fostered by the crystal-clear water running through the majestic scenery nature has given us, and through them make memories to last a lifetime.

We eagerly await your visit.



Mayor of Yamanouchi



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