

All About COVID-19 Vaccinations

Vaccinations against COVID-19 are scheduled to be rolled out steadily beginning in April 2021, starting with vaccinations for the elderly (individuals who are over 65 years old, including ones turning 65 during fiscal 2021). Vaccination tickets will be mailed out in order by age beginning in late March.

Please check the City of Yokohama website and the Ministry of Health, Labour and Welfare website for the latest information on vaccinations.

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We Will Mail Vaccination Tickets to The Elderly in Stages to Ensure Smooth Reservations and Vaccinations

- ※ Tickets will be mailed to individuals 80 years and older beginning in late March.
- ※ Tickets will be mailed to all individuals 65 and older by mid-April.
- ※ Other age groups will be notified of the timing of their cohort's vaccinations in the order that they are determined (as of February 10, 2021)

[Vaccination cost] Free

[Vaccination Sites] Mass vaccination centers are scheduled to be established in all 18 wards of the city using ward community halls, sports centers, and other facilities. In addition, we are arranging to provide vaccinations in hospitals and clinics (details on vaccination sites will be informed on the City of Yokohama website and elsewhere).

※ For elderly living in facilities for the elderly and other care institutions, we are planning to provide vaccinations primarily on the premises.

※ We ask that you take public transportation when going to a mass vaccination site.

[Vaccination flow-chart]

- 1 Receive vaccination ticket
- 2 Reserve date, time, and location for your vaccination
- 3 Receive vaccination (from April on)

You must have a reservation to be vaccinated. You can make reservations using your **smartphone, personal computer, or by telephone.**

Your vaccination reservation site URL and reservation center telephone number will be listed on the directions included in your vaccination ticket envelope.

After your first vaccination, it will be necessary to **get a second dose** of the same vaccine **after a pre-determined period.**

Vaccinations Require the Individual's Consent

Individuals who are concerned about being vaccinated due to past medical history, illness, or any other reason, please consider getting vaccinated after consulting with your primary doctor or other medical professionals.

Inquiries regarding vaccinations (From March 1, 2021)

Tel: 0120-045070

(09:00~19:00 including Sat., Sun., holidays and days off)

Fax: 050-3588-7191 ※Fax number for individuals with hearing problems.

Contact for COVID-19 in the City of Yokohama

Open 24-hours

Yokohama City COVID-19 Call Center

(Consultation Center for returnees from abroad and individuals in contact with infected persons)

Tel: 045-550-5530 Fax: 045-846-0500

All events introduced in Koho Yokohama are held with new coronavirus countermeasures in place.

When you participate in such events, please cooperate when asked by the event organizers to take new coronavirus countermeasures.

Taking a New Step Forward Together

A little more than a year since the arrival of the cruise ship Diamond Princess at the Port of Yokohama, the City of Yokohama has survived the unprecedented challenge of the COVID-19 pandemic thanks to the cooperation of you, the citizens of our city. Even now all those individuals on the frontlines of the pandemic, including persons working in medical institutions, emergency services, public health centers, and other related organizations are laboring together and using all their abilities to the utmost on our behalf. At the same time, the tremendous sacrifices made by all of our citizens and business people, be it staying at home whenever possible, shortening business hours, and more, has clearly led directly to a reduction in the number of new infections. I thank all of you from the bottom of my heart.

Vaccines are the key to victory in our war with COVID-19. We have organized a special team to push toward the smooth implementation of vaccinations and they are working hard on preparations that will allow us to begin mailing out vaccination tickets without a hitch, beginning with tickets for all those 65 years of age and older. In addition, we will establish a dedicated call center for COVID-19 vaccinations this March. The City of Yokohama is using all the resources at our command to surely and steadily provide vaccinations on an unprecedented scale to protect the lives of all of you, the citizens of our city.

At the end of January, we compiled a Fiscal 2021 budget proposal totaling ¥2,007.3 billion. We compiled this proposal in the midst of the current unprecedented tight fiscal environment infused with the desire to do everything possible to protect the lives and the daily life of all our citizens and to powerfully reinvigorate our economy and pave the way for Yokohama's future growth.



Hayashi Fumiko
Mayor of Yokohama

Going forward, the unremitting efforts on the part of each and every one of us to prevent the spread of further infections will be critical to bringing an end to the COVID-19 crisis. As we greet the coming spring there will be more and more tempting opportunities like farewell and welcoming parties and graduation trips. However, this year I ask that you please refrain from such temptations to better protect yourselves and your loved ones until the COVID-19 state of emergency is lifted.

Driven by our firm resolution to enable each and every one of you living here in Yokohama to hold bright hopes for the future and to powerfully revive our city's economy, we will continue to exert our every effort in the days ahead. Let us all work together to take the next great step forward.

Fiscal 2021 City of Yokohama Budget Proposal Completed

The City of Yokohama fiscal 2021 budget proposal has been completed. Given the vast impact that the COVID-19 pandemic has had on the lives of Yokohama's citizens and on our city's economy, we have prepared the budget with a commitment to the goal of "Protecting the lives of our citizens and our medical system, standing together with our citizens, revitalizing the city economy, and paving the way to greater leaps forward."

Budget by Account

Account	Fiscal 2021 Budget	Fiscal 2020 Budget	Percentage change year-on-year
General Account	¥2,007.3 bn	¥1,740.0 bn	15.4%
Special Account	¥1,301.3 bn	¥1,269.7 bn	2.5%
Public enterprise account	¥593.4 bn	¥596.3 bn	-0.5%
Total accounts	¥3,902.0 bn	¥3,606.0 bn	8.2%

※The scale of the fiscal 2021 budget excepting three programs that are fully funded by special revenue sources and powerfully impact the scale of the FY 2021 budget (The COVID-19 vaccination program, Yokohama City Road Construction Organization related outlays, and the small and medium-size enterprises low-interest loan system) comes to ¥1,773.7 billion, for a real growth rate of 1.9 percent. The total comes to ¥3,668.4 billion, and a real growth rate of 1.7 percent.

Major FY2021 Measures

◆ Major Life and Economic Measures Undertakings

See P.3 for details

◆ Major Undertakings Under the Six Strategies Framework in the Mid-term 4-Year Plan 2018-2021

Robust Economic Growth and the Realization of a Culture, Art and Creative City

- Strategic attraction of enterprises and generating innovation
- Holding distinctive arts festivals with a Yokohama flair

An advanced environmental city overflowing with flowers and greenery

- Promote undertakings toward the realization of a carbon-free society by 2050 that will lead to green growth

The Challenge of a Super-aged Society

- Establishing homes for elderly people requiring special care
- Promote measures for securing human resources for long-term care

Creating a City Where People and Companies Can Gather and Flourish

- Ensure safety of routes used by school students, etc., promotion of railway crossing safety measures
- Promote IR (Integrated Resorts)

Fostering Diverse People to Build the Future

- Subsidies for pediatric medical care
- Enhance nurseries and pre-school education
- Implement middle school lunches (using delivery model)

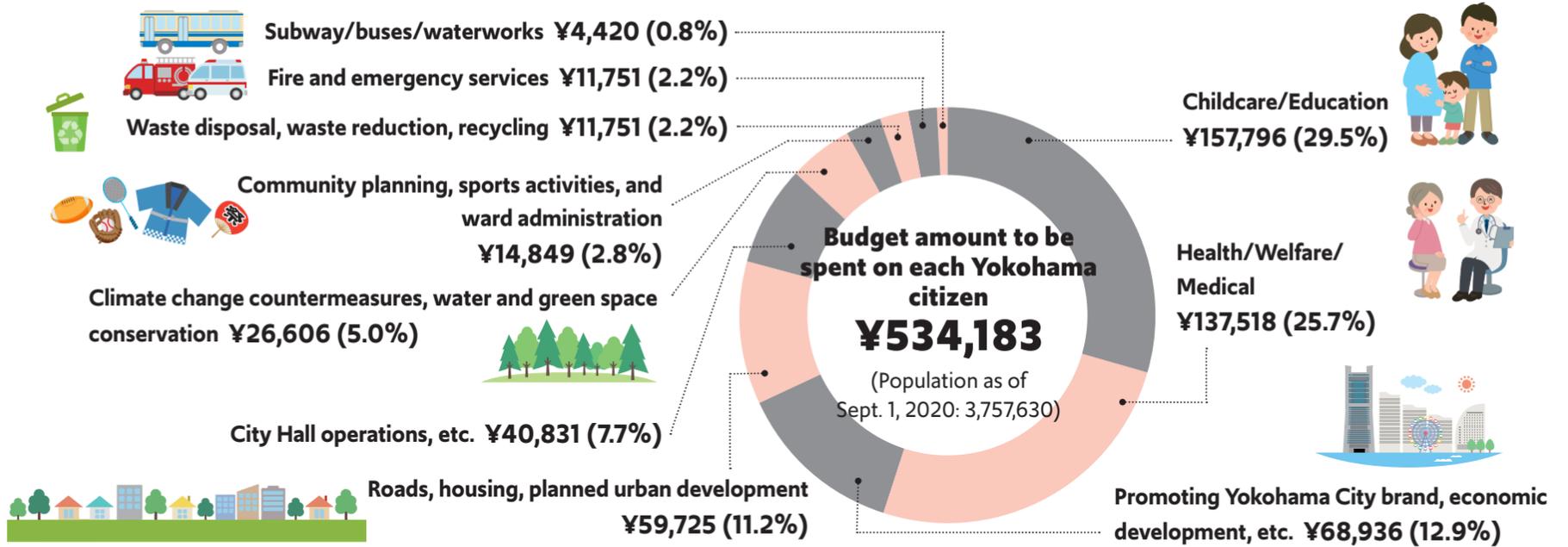
Resilient City Planning to Shape the Future

- Accelerate countermeasures against localized heavy rainfall and similar threats
- Promote removal of roadside utility poles

◆ Promote digitalization

- Introduce online application forms for certificates related to matters handled by Family Registration Division
- Introduce advanced technology for nursery school admission procedures, etc.

How the Budget is Used Per Capita (General Account)



City Hall Is Working as One to Squeeze Out New Sources of Revenue (Measures to Secure Sources of Revenue)

Under the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the municipal taxes that are the central source of the city's revenue have been declining from fiscal 2020 on, and we are now projecting a year-on-year decline of ¥48.8 billion in fiscal 2021. In order to prevent this from negatively impacting the lives of our citizens and the Yokohama economy, we have worked hard when compiling the fiscal 2021 budget to secure additional revenue through an even more thorough-going review of city undertakings than before, the further utilization of deficit municipal bonds (COVID-19 countermeasure bonds), and temporary drawdowns of city reserves.

We Have Thoroughly Reviewed City Undertakings Taking into Account the Impact On the Lives of Our Citizens and the City Economy

Faced with the vast transformation in the societal environment due to the COVID-19 pandemic, every employee in Yokohama City Hall understands the need to review and revise all work processes and programs. From midway through fiscal 2020 we have carried out an even more thorough-going review than before with the goal of achieving ever more efficient and effective administrative management. We have rethought schedules, including those of undertakings in the mid-term 4-year plan, adopted new business procedures appropriate for the circumstances affected by COVID-19, and taken other steps to rigorously hold down expenditures. At the same time, by taking measures to secure additional revenue through various means, we have been able to execute an even greater budget reassessment than in the preceding fiscal year in both monetary terms and in total number of cases.

Number of City Undertakings Reviewed and Associated Financial Impact

	Fiscal 2021	Fiscal 2020
Financial impact	¥15.9 bn	¥11.1 bn
Number of cases	1,280	1,045

We Will Utilize City Bonds as a COVID-19 Pandemic Countermeasure

In past years, the City of Yokohama has set fiscal targets ※1 for city bond issues in the city's 4-year mid-term plan and has managed them appropriately so as to avoid passing on excessive fiscal burdens to future generations. However, in order to compensate for the sharp decline in municipal tax revenue and other revenue due to the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have adjusted our fiscal targets ※2, and have decided to utilize deficit city bonds, a financial measure recognized by the national government, to a greater extent than hitherto (Fiscal 2020, ¥19.5 billion; Fiscal 2021, ¥50.0 billion).

City Bond Issuance: Valuation and Breakdown (¥100 million)

	Original FY2020 budget	Amended FY2020 budget	Original FY2021 budget
Value of city bonds issued	1,267	1,545	1,718
Value of city bonds planned to be issued in original fiscal target	1,267	1,350	1,218
Additional deficit city bonds (COVID-19 countermeasure)	0	195	500

※1 We have set as two of our targets "balancing the "Yokohama model" primary balance (PB) in four years" and "holding the loan balance in the fiscal 2021 general account to below fiscal 2017 balance."
 ※2 Achieving balance in the "Yokohama model" primary balance in four fiscal years with the exception of further deficit bond issues (COVID-19 pandemic countermeasures).
 Loan balance in the general account: Bring the loan balance in the general account back below fiscal 2017 levels with the exception of further deficit bonds (COVID-19 countermeasure loans).

Fiscal 2021 Budget Proposal

COVID-19 pandemic Economy and Daily Life Countermeasures

Total: ¥240.5 billion
(Plus ¥23.8 billion
in February FY2020
supplemental budget)

※Major support schemes are described below. For details about other available support please visit the City of Yokohama website.



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I Protecting Our Citizens and Our Medical System

Securing a Regime to Provide Medical and Emergency Medical Services ¥31.705 billion

- Implement COVID-19 vaccinations
- Put vaccination framework in place (February Fiscal 2020 supplemental budget: ¥1.63 billion)
- Provide subsidies for the cost of COVID-19 testing borne by individuals, establish and operate sites for receiving simple PCR tests
- Operate the Y-AEIT epidemiological survey team and the Y-CERT Infection and Medical Care Coordination Headquarters
- Provide financial support to medical institutions admitting COVID-19 patients
- Subsidies for establishing and maintaining facilities required to admit COVID-19 patients
- Provide financial support for admitting elderly patients and patients with dementia
- Provide temporary shelter for children without a guardian due to their guardian contracting COVID-19

Support for infection prevention and business continuity of welfare facilities ¥3.615 billion

- Subsidies for expenses incurred by welfare facilities to implement infection countermeasures and to respond when residents/staff test positive for COVID-19

II Protecting Yokohama's Economy and the Livelihoods of Our Citizens

Support for citizens' livelihoods

¥2.701 billion

- Stipends for securing housing; housing safety net program (raise the limit on rent-reduction subsidies)
- Subsidize PCR testing fees for pregnant mothers prior to delivery, and provide online guidance on maternal and infant health and child-raising support services
- Provide food support to single-parent households utilizing food banks

Creating Employment Opportunities, Aiding Job Seekers

¥780 million

- Create emergency employment opportunities for individuals who have lost their jobs, and hold web-based online job interviews events focusing on long-term employment opportunities

Small and Medium Enterprise and Small Business Support

¥197.256 billion

- Subsidize plant and equipment investment for business continuity and development and expenses associated with developing new markets during the COVID-19 pandemic
- Secure ¥230 billion in credit lines to help Yokohama SMEs, exceeding the support provided during the fiscal 2008 "Lehman Shock"

Shopping District Support

¥149 million

- Provide financial support for premium shopping coupons issued by shopping districts to stimulate spending
- Launch projects by shopping district association members to study how to revitalize shopping districts in a "living with COVID-19" society

Support for Culture and the Arts

¥109 million

- Provide financial support to help cover infection prevention measures and facility fees, etc. for cultural and arts program using cultural facilities in Yokohama

Tourism & MICE Support

¥250 million

- Support MICE events adopting new event models, including hybrid events using both on-site and on-line events
- Sale of optional tour products to help support Yokohama travel agencies, and implementation of promotional campaigns to encourage tourists to stay at lodgings in the city

III Working to Create the New Normal

Promoting the GIGA School concept

¥2.685 billion

- Dispatching ICT support staff to ensure the smooth rollout of "one terminal per student," implementing teaching staff ICT training utilizing cloud-based services, maintaining and operating network environments

Promoting the digitalization of administrative services

¥349 million

- Introduction of next-generation digital application and notification systems that can handle electronic payments and settlements
- System upgrades in readiness for the introduction of cashless national health care premium payments and settlements

All About Infection Risks at Parties and When Drinking and Dining Out for Extended Periods

Spring has come, and with it the season of welcome and farewell parties, social get-togethers, cherry blossom viewing picnics, and more. However, the risk of COVID-19 infection shoots up at banquets that include alcohol, or when eating and drinking with large numbers of people, or when eating and drinking at an event for an extended time. Please be especially vigilant and aware of the issues on the right.



- Extended dining or drinking in groups, drinking when entertaining guests, or going from bar to bar late at night raises the risk of infection far more than does a quick meal
- When large groups of people, even just some five or more, are drinking and dining together it is easy for voices to rise. Talking loudly makes it easier for droplets to travel, increasing the risk of infection
- Infection risk goes up when numerous people are talking in confined, closed spaces divided up by doorsills and other barriers
- Drinking from shared cups passed around the table or using the same chopsticks increases the risk of infection
- Talking together at close quarters without masks raises the risk of infection from flying droplets and microdroplets
- When travelling by car or using public transit, please wear a mask and keep conversation to a minimum