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President 2020-2021 Florence Kojima LBJCC

Hello Everyone

It seems we are finally able to enjoy some cooler weather. Although sporadically we have to endure 80+ degree, summer like weather during the day, the morning and evening go down to the mid-to-upper 60 degrees. Is this our California fall/winter weather....

As the weather gets cooler/colder, the Flu season starts.

I happened to get my very 1st Flu shot in early Jan., before getting my 1st Covid-19 vaccine. So when I reported to my Dr. (virtually, of course) that I got all my shots, she said oh, so you still need to get your Singles and Influenza shots. (Me) But doctor I got my flu shot before my Covid....(Doctor) yes but you now need to get the Influenza shot. (Me) ?????...turns out my January flu shot was last years strain...so confusing. However, I have all my Covid shots, including my boosters. So I feel great!

And now that the 5-11 year old group has been approved to start getting their booster shots, maybe we'll start seeing the number of children getting the virus and ending up being hospitalized go down. And eventually Covid-19 and all of its variants will disappear from our everyday "vocabulary". Just my thoughts....

LONG BEACH JAPANESE CULTURAL CENTER

With most of us being able to get our 3rd booster shots, things should start getting back to some normalcy...the Center has been open to all who which to use its facilities, and most have been making use of it. Although each group is asked to follow the Centers mandate(?) of masks and social distancing whenever possible. And also sanitizing the areas used.

The Japanese school, for this Fall session, has been holding Hybrid classes. We have 3 different grades of students coming to school every Saturday for In-person classes. And we practice social distancing, wear our masks, and have our temperature taken. Snack time is still available, but instead of all the students coming together, the adult students and the younger students have separate time 'slots'. And of course, the snacks served are all individually wrapped. This is so we have as much touchless interaction with our students as possible to keep us all safe.

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Save the Date

Sunday, February 18, 2022 "Possible" Shinen Enkai 12 pm to 3 pm Not a potluck More information to follow!

The Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center Mission Statement

The Long Beach Japanese Cultural Center has served as the primary facility in the Long Beach Harbor area in furthering an understanding and appreciation of the Japanese culture and the Japanese American experience through its offerings of cultural and visual arts instruction, as well as Japanese language classes, events and activities for the benefit of citizens of all ages, ethnicity and religious affiliations. Our Mission is:

- To enhance the lives of the citizens of the Long Beach/South Bay area through accessible, quality instruction in the various Japanese cultural, visual, language and martial arts.
- To serve as a cultural resource of civic and community events, thus adding to the already rich cultural diversity of the area.
- To preserve and further the timeless cultural traditions which are our legacy by generations past.
- To collect, document and establish an archives library of historical artifacts, data, visual images and an oral history of the Japanese American experience in the Long Beach and surrounding areas to serve as a unique educational resource.

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(virtually) and are constantly discussing the merits of return to Inperson or continuing having the bentos delivered. So far, it is deemed best to continue delivery until, at least, next year, when hopefully things will be better, and the different colored tier assessment will have been removed.

Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year's around the corner, many families may start to get together to celebrated said events.

The LBJCC Board has been meeting virtually and we have decided that we will go ahead with starting to plan our 2022 Shinnen Kai (Center's New Year's celebration) for In The Person. plan for now is that we will have NO potluck but have pre-ordered bentos. Trying to limit to 100 guests. With outdoor stage area an for entertainment...

As we have been unable to hold any fund-raising event during the past year, we will be asking those attending to 'purchase' their bentos. We will keep abreast of the city/states Covid updates, and should we be allowed to return to our pre-Covid normalcy, our Shinnen Kai programing may change accordingly. I hope that most, if not all of you, will decide to join us for the 2022 LBJCC Shinnen Kai (Feb. 13, 2022).

Please continue to be diligent about wearing our masks, maintaining social distancing and being hygienic.

I wish you all a very Happy Holiday season.....

Everyone, take care, Stay Healthy and hope to see you all In-person soon....

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2022 Year of The Tiger

The tiger is the third symbol in the Japanese Zodiac. People in ancient Japan believed that tigers used to be stars in the sky because of their beautiful fur. This symbol represents "decisiveness" and "wit".

Tigers are proud, courageous, and generous. Being decisive and quickwitted, they are potentially great leaders. On the negative side, they do not like to follow orders, and can cause interpersonal friction with others.

Do not make plans.

Sometimes fail due to overconfidence.

Have great sympathy for those they are close to and love.

Tigers are most compatible with horses and dogs. If these three come together, it generates a great positive power. Tigers also have a mutually beneficial relationship with boars. Monkeys are the least compatible with tigers. In Japanese, a tiger is "tora" in romaji and is written as "虎" in kanji. In the Japanese Zodiac, however, a tiger is written as "寅".

COVID 19 CENTER USAGE GUIDELINES

Each group must provide their own contactless thermometer and each person entering the center must be checked for a temperature not to exceed 100.4 F. If a temperature is above 100.4 or other symptoms of sickness, such as cough, please ask the entrant to return home.

Masks must be always worn. No exceptions, even if you are fully vaccinated.

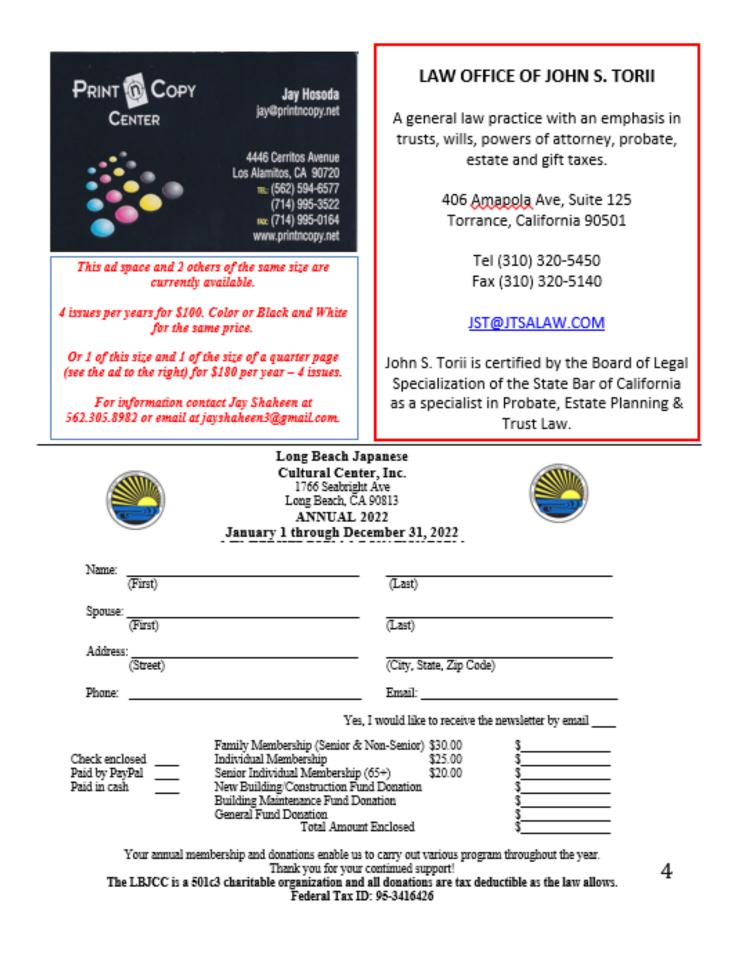
Wiping down and sanitization of surfaces that entrants come in contact with.

Maintain a social distance of 6 feet between each person (of each family).

Doors and windows (including the back kitchen door) must remain open during event/activity to help ventilate the Center. Please consider using the fans as well to assist with air flow.

The maximum capacity of the LBJCC is currently 220 people, but due to the minimal, yellow tier, we can only allow 50% capacity, or 100 people (if social distancing allows.

Hands must be washed frequently.



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