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## Nursing room services available for children who are sick or recovering from illnesses

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Parents or guardians who are not at home due to work, etc., and cannot look after their children who are sick or recovering from an illnesses can use this childcare service program (registration in advance required to make a reservation).

#### Who can use this childcare service?

Infants, children, or elementary school students who are sick or recovering from an illness listed below:

- Illness that infants and children can easily get, such as the common cold and gastrointestinal illnesses
- Infectious diseases including measles, chicken pox, and rubella
- Chronic diseases such as asthma
- Injuries such as fractures

#### Facilities that provide childcare for sick children and children recovering from illnesses

- A nursing room in a hospital
- A nursing room at a nursery school (hoikuen) (only for children who are recovering from an illness)

**Note:** You must register in advance and make a reservation at the service at the facility you wish to use.

#### Service information

- The service is available 8 am-6 pm.
- Nursing rooms are closed on Sundays, national holidays, and 12/29-1/3.
- You can use the service for up to 6 days in a row.
- ★ Available hours and service fees differ for each facility. Please consult with your registered facility for details or check the City of Hiroshima official website for more information.

### Step-by-step guide to using this service

- **Step 1:** Register in advance at the facility you wish to use and pay the registration fee (it is recommended that you visit the facility before you register).
- **Step 2:** Make a reservation with your registered facility. Reservations can be made one day in advance or on the day you wish to use the service.

- **Step 3:** Make an appointment with a doctor. If you use the nursing room in a hospital, see the doctor at the hospital. If you use the nursing room at a nursing school (*hoikuen*), make an appointment with your child's regular doctor.
- **Step 4:** Use the childcare service.
- **Step 5:** Pay the usage fee.

**Note**: Households receiving public assistance or exempt from paying municipal residents' tax are exempt from paying the full amount.

Inquires: Child Care Supervisory Division (Hoiku Shidō Ka) Tel: 082-504-2154