

Regarding ensuring safety when announcing warnings at elementary and junior high schools
 小・中学校 警報等の発表時における安全確保について 英語版

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From Yokkaichi City Board of Education

The school's response to the announcement of warnings, etc. is based on the following standards. Based on this standard, each school will respond according to the actual situation, giving top priority to ensuring the safety of children/students.

At that time, each school collects information from television, radio, internet, etc. and information issued by the city disaster countermeasures headquarters (Crisis Management Division), etc., and checks the situation of the school district and its surroundings, and the safety of the school route then the school will determine the response while grasping the situation of nearby schools, neighborhoods etc.

The warnings, advisories, etc., referred to 「storm warnings, blizzard warnings, heavy snow warnings, earthquake early warnings, tsunami warnings, tornado warnings, thunder warnings, tsunami warnings, major/ large tsunami warnings, heavy rain/flood warnings, etc., landslide warnings, etc. warnings and advisories, including special weather warnings such as disaster warnings」.

1 Action to storm warnings • blizzard warnings, and heavy snow warnings.

When an alert is announced		When the warning is canceled	
Time	Warning response	Time	Warning response
Until 7:00 am	Stay at home (Note 1)	Until 7:00 am	Go to school as usual (Note 2) <div>Heavy snow warning Determine the snow conditions and take necessary measures. (Note 3)</div>
When already at school	The school will assess the situation and take necessary measures (Note 4)	Passed 7:00 am	Temporary school closure

(Note 1) Regarding points to keep in mind when staying at home

For children/students whose parents are not at home at the time of warning has been announced, we would like parents/guardians to seek help from their closest acquaintances or neighbors for the protection of their child.

(Note 2) Regarding points to keep in mind when attending school

The school will conduct classes as usual after confirming the safety of the school route. However, if it is expected that the access road to the school will become dangerous due to a serious disaster, etc., the principal may decide to take measures such as temporarily closing the school or delaying the time to go to school. In this case, the school will contact the board of education using the school closure/damage situation assessment system using the salary travel expenses terminal.

(Note 3) Action to heavy snow warning announcement

Unlike storm warnings, etc., in the case of heavy snow, even after the heavy snow warning is lifted, it is assumed that it will be difficult to go to school due to the snow condition, so each school will decide to take measures such as temporary closure. At that time, an appropriate place on the school premises will be designated as an observation point, and if the amount of snowfall at that place reaches a certain standard (about 20 centimeters according to the heavy snow warning), the school will be temporarily closed.

* In the northern part of Mie Prefecture, including Yokkaichi City, heavy snow warnings are issued when the forecast snowfall amount reaches 20 centimeters within 12 hours.

(Note 4) Regarding points to keep in mind when the school judges the situation and takes necessary measures

- For storm warnings, blizzard warnings, and heavy snow warnings
 - ① The school will check the safety of dangerous spots on the school route, the weather conditions in the surrounding area, and the disaster situation. In addition, assuming such a case on a regular basis, the school will list up the dangerous places and discuss the countermeasures.
 - ② The school will request the residence near the school and parents/guardians who are at home to provide information on safety such as the situation of the school route.
 - ③ If it is necessary, the teachers and school staff will lead the children to the safe place and take measures to hand over the child to their parents/guardian. Priority will be given to children in the lower grades of elementary school and children who need support or are disabled.
 - ④ When handing over the child to their parents/guardian, the school will establish a pick-up system and clarify the contact method.
 - ⑤ For schools that use public transportation to commute, the school will accurately grasp the operation status.

Based on the above points, the school will decide whether to let the children go home, wait at school, or evacuate, depending on the situation.

- If a storm warning is expected to be issued due to the course of the typhoon, etc. each school will decide to send students home promptly even before the announcement, considering regional differences and the conditions the school is in. Also, the school will contact the Board of Education to that effect using the school closure/damage situation assessment system that uses the salary and travel expenses terminal.
- Depending on the expected course of the typhoon and other conditions, the city board of education may notify elementary and junior high schools of measures such as temporary school closures from the day before a storm warning, etc. is expected to be announced. The school will contact the student directly by the school closing time.

2 Response to special warnings such as (heavy rain, storms, storm surges, waves, blizzards, heavy snow), large tsunami warnings, earthquakes with a seismic intensity of 5 or higher, and eruption warnings

When an alert is announced	
Times	Warning response
Before going to school	<p>Temporary school closure</p> <p>Regarding tsunamis, storm surges, and waves, it is limited to the target areas, but if it is expected that there is a life-threatening danger even in areas other than the target areas, please follow the instructions of public institutions or your own judgment.</p> <p>○ Do not let your child to go to school and follow the instructions of public institutions such as the city disaster countermeasures headquarters and strive to ensure your own safety. (Take immediate action to protect life)</p> <p>(In particular)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pay attention to your surroundings and quickly go to the evacuation site. • If it is dangerous to go out, go to a safe place in your house. <p>(Other than tsunamis, storm surges, floods, and landslides)</p>
When already at school	<p>When waiting at school</p> <p>○ In addition to ensuring the safety of children/students, the school will take necessary measures such as promptly guiding them to evacuation sites and moving them to a safe place in the school.</p> <p>(Take immediate action for saving life) (Note 5)</p> <p>* After taking appropriate measures such as keeping close contact with the guardian, the child will be handed over to the guardian who is picking up their child after ensuring safety.</p>

※ After the special warning has been lifted (from the next day onwards), students must be aware of their surroundings when going to and leaving from the school. In this case, the school will contact the Board of Education to that effect.

※ If the emergency warning is lifted after the child arrives at school, the school will collect information on subsequent weather conditions, etc., and after fully confirming the safety of the surrounding area such as the school route, the school will take appropriate measures such as asking the parents/guardian to pick-up their child at school.

(Note 5)

【For an earthquake event with a seismic intensity of 5 or higher, or an explosion warning】

○ To ensure the safety of the children, the school will take immediate action to protect them by waiting at school until they are picked up by their parents. Then follow the instructions of public institutions such as the City Disaster Response Headquarters. In addition, the school will always confirm quick contact with parents.

※ Seismic motion warning system based on the establishment of special warning system

According to the Japan Meteorological Agency, "conditions for issuing an earthquake early warning" are "when the maximum seismic intensity is expected to be lower 5 or more", and among them, the emergency earthquake early warning, which is positioned as a special warning, is "seismic intensity lower 6 or more".

The above response applies to earthquakes with a seismic intensity of 5 or higher, but in the case of an emergency earthquake early warning, the school will collect sufficient information and take appropriate measures according to the above in response to the surrounding situation.

【In case of tsunami (large tsunami) warning】

- ① Students will move to a safer place (such as the third floor of a school building) to ensure their safety.
- ② If there is a new instruction from the city disaster countermeasures headquarters, the board of education will inform the parent/guardian about the correspondence through the "disaster prevention administrative radio (mobile system)", "emergency telephone network for disaster prevention", "school bulletin board", "school parent contact system (Home & School)", etc.
- ③ As a general rule, during leaving school time, they must wait until their parents/guardian pick them up to protect them. When the school let the children to go home from school, the school will consult with the Board of Education based on information from the City Disaster Countermeasures Headquarters and give due consideration to their safety.
- ④ Schools in tsunami-flooded areas will not hand over children until the warning is lifted, and parents who have come to pick up their child will also evacuate. When sending children home from school, the school will consult with the Board of Education based on information from the City Disaster Countermeasures Headquarters and give due consideration to their safety.

Schools in the districts listed below will be subject to tsunami response (large tsunami) warnings and tsunami advisories.

〈Districts with potential for tsunami flooding according to the tsunami flood forecast map (2015 version) published by the Mie Prefectural Disaster Prevention and Crisis Management Department〉

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- ※ Even if your district is not included above, please also check the information and follow the instructions of the public institutions.
- ※ In the case of tsunami warnings and special warnings for storm surges and high waves, the school will respond according to the main tsunami warnings.

【When the children are in school and the warning for the tsunami (large tsunami) is changed and became advisory】

- ① The Board of Education will confirm the current situation with the City Disaster Countermeasures Headquarters. The information and countermeasures will be communicated to each school via "disaster prevention administrative radio (mobile)", "emergency telephone network for disaster prevention", "school bulletin board", "school parent contact system (Home & School)", etc.
- ② When it's time to leave school and the students are to be dismissed from school, the school will follow the case of "1 Response to storm warnings and snowstorm warnings".

3 Action to weather warnings such as heavy rain and floods, heavy snow warnings, tornado warnings, thunder warnings, etc. (other than 1 and 2)

The school will accurately grasp the situation of each school and the surrounding area, and at the discretion of the principal and take necessary measures to ensure the safety of children/students in accordance with the above. In this case, the school will make every effort to contact and coordinate with the Board of Education.

In addition, when a heavy snow warning is announced, if it is difficult to go to school due to accumulated snow, the school will take measures such as temporary closure of the school according to the "response to heavy snow warning".

In particular, for schools located in flood risk areas and sediment disaster warning areas, necessary measures shall be taken to ensure the safety of students based on matters related to evacuation guidance described in the evacuation plan for floods and the evacuation plan for sediment disasters.

Regarding various warnings, etc., the principal will collect sufficient information, promptly respond to the surrounding circumstances, and take the best and appropriate measures regarding the arrival and departure of the children from school. The results of the measures will be reported to the Board of Education by the school closure/damage status grasp system using the payroll travel expenses terminal.

※If additional measures are required, please refer to the respective corresponding manuals, etc.

《Example》

Photochemical smog forecast (advisories, warnings, severe warnings) → "Mie Prefecture Air Pollution Emergency Measures" Micro-particulate Matter (PM2.5) Warning Information (Distribution of Bosai Mie.jp Mail)

Ensuring safety in extracurricular activities/ Bukatsudō
when a "heavy rain warning" is announced for Junior high school

(Notification of October 1, 2020)

1 For weekends and holidays

In principle, if a "heavy rain warning" is announced at 7:00 a.m., club activities will be canceled. In addition, if a "heavy rain warning" is announced during the activity, the school will contact the management and judge the situation based on the weather information, etc. The necessary measures shall be taken with priority given to the security.

2 In the morning practice

If a "heavy rain warning" is announced at 6:00 a.m., club activities will be canceled in the morning to ensure the safety of students commuting to school. Also, if there is a possibility that a "heavy rain warning" will be announced, the school will decide in advance to cancel the morning practice.

In particular, regarding Monday morning practice, it is difficult to contact students on weekends and holidays, so if bad weather is expected, all club activities will not hold morning practice as much as possible. The school will try to let students know as much as possible by Friday.

Based on this standard, each school will respond according to the actual situation, giving top priority to ensuring the safety of students.

In such case, each school collects information from TV, radio, internet, etc. and from the city disaster countermeasures headquarters (Crisis Management Division), etc., and grasps the situation of the school district, its surroundings, and the school route then they will decide for response.

4 Action when a tsunami advisory is announced for Ise Bay and Mikawa Bay.

The Board of Education will confirm the current situation with the City Disaster Countermeasures Headquarters. Information and countermeasures will be communicated to each school via "disaster prevention administrative radio (mobile)", "emergency telephone network for disaster prevention", "school bulletin board", "school parent contact system (Home & School)", etc. to ensure the safety of children and students.

<Reference> Japan Meteorological Agency Special Warning
<http://www.jma.go.jp/jma/kishou/known/tokubetsu-keiho/index.html>

5 Actions in case of missiles flying to Japan

【Action when emergency information is sent to Mie Prefecture through J-alert, etc.】

- ① If emergency information is sent before going to school, children will be asked to wait or stay at home.

If it is difficult to contact the parents using the "Home & School" system, etc., the school will make sure that parents/guardians are advised to "standby at home" in advance.

In addition, after it is determined that safety has been ensured, the city will notify students about the implementation of classes, etc., through simultaneous distribution, etc., using the "School Parents/Guardians Contact System (Home & School)." The school will strive to ensure safety when going to school, and promptly take measures to implement classes. If a "J-Alert" is sent while the student is in school, the student will be instructed to evacuate immediately.

【Actions in Case of Ballistic Missile Launch】

In addition to understanding the damage situation in the surrounding area, the school will endeavor to obtain information from the TV, radio, Internet reports, and the city's Disaster Countermeasures Headquarters (Crisis Management Division).

After that, the school will take the necessary steps to ensure the safety of the students according to the alleged situation. Children/students will be handed over to their parents/guardian as necessary at during school leave time.

- ① If it hits the city or neighboring municipalities, the school will take measures of "temporary school closure".
- ② If a bomb falls near the school while the students are at school, the school will immediately ensure the safety of the students and if necessary they will inform the condition of the students to their parents. The school will also assess the situation of damage to school facilities.

《Reference》 Civil Protection Portal Site

<http://www.kokuminhogo.go.jp>

6 Actions in case of the "major earthquake warning" is announced by Nankai Trough earthquake provisional information "major earthquake warning" is announced

If the temporary earthquake information from the Nankai Trough "Major Earthquake Warning" is announced, **all public elementary schools and junior high schools in the city will be temporarily closed for one week**. During that time, the school will be opened as an evacuation center. (Schools in flood prone areas are not included)

Generally, the school will open or resume classes after a week. However, depending on the disaster situation and the actual evacuation situation, educational activities at the school may be conducted even though it still remains an evacuation center.