

Emergency response regarding “Large-scale earth quake occurrence” and “Announcement of Nankai Trough earthquake temporary information”

『大規模地震発生』及び『南海トラフ地震臨時情報の発表』に関する緊急時の対応について

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1. About the announcement of Earthquake Early Warning 緊急地震速報の発表について

Currently, the Japan Meteorological Agency issues an Earthquake Early Warning (alarm) to areas where a seismic intensity of 4 or higher is predicted when a maximum seismic intensity of 5 lower or higher is predicted. Earthquake early warnings are broadcast on TV, radio, smartphones, disaster prevention administrative radio, etc. When the Earthquake Early Warning is announced, evacuate to a place where 「things will not fall from above, or fall diagonally ,or move」 and be prepared to protect yourself.

2. About Tokai earthquake and Nankai Trough earthquake 東海地震及び南海トラフ地震について

The Tokai earthquake is one of the large-scale earthquakes envisioned along the Nankai Trough (below are referred to as the "Nankai Trough earthquake"), and is a magnitude 8 class earthquake whose epicenter is inland from Suruga Bay to Shizuoka Prefecture. No large-scale earthquakes have occurred for more than 160 years since the 1854 Ansei Tokai earthquake, and it is believed that 「the Tokai earthquake can occur at any time」. The Nankai Trough earthquakes occur repeatedly at intervals of approximately 100 to 150 years, and now more than 70 years have passed since the last Nankai Trough earthquake, it is not limited to the Tokai earthquake, but is large-scale throughout the Nankai Trough, the urgency of an earthquake is increasing. The Japan Meteorological Agency started the operation of 「information related to the Nankai Trough earthquake」 from November 1, 2017, and along with this, 「information related to the Tokai earthquake」 is not announced focusing only on the Tokai earthquake. 「Information related to Nankai Trough earthquake」 includes 「Nankai Trough earthquake temporary information」 and 「Nankai Trough earthquake related commentary information」. When 「Nankai Trough earthquake temporary information」 is announced, the keywords will be added such as ‘under investigation’ · ‘for huge earthquake warning’, ‘huge earthquake caution’, and ‘survey completion’ are added.

3. About the School Response to announcement of Nankai Trough Earthquake Temporary Information (Huge Earthquake Warning or Huge Earthquake Caution)

南海トラフ地震臨時情報（巨大地震警戒 or 巨大地震注意）発表時の学校の対応について

※The response may differ depending on the magnitude of the earthquake and the damage situation, but the basic response is shown in the table below.

		Nankai Trough Temporary Information (Huge Earthquake Warning or Huge Earthquake Caution)	How to get home from school
1	While going to and from school	Evacuate to whichever is closer, the school or home. However, this does not apply if there is a dangerous place even if it is nearby.	If the student evacuate to school, leave school with a guardian.(hand-over)
2	When at school	Immediately discontinue class activities and evacuate to a safe place in the school.	Leave school with a guardian. (hand-over)
3	During off-school activities	Return to school and wait for guardian to pick student up.	Leave school with a guardian. (hand-over) ↓

Hand-over considerations

- ① School staff will hand over the students. (Basically, the homeroom teacher will hand -over the students)
- ②The person to be handed over must be a guardian or a family member. If they cannot come to school, the student will be handed over only if the teacher can confirm who is coming to pick up the student.
- ③Since the school is an evacuation site, you may not be able to drive into the premises. In that case, please pick up children on foot.
- ④Students who have not been handed over will wait in the school playground or building. Even if you are late, please make sure to pick up the student.

4. About resuming school 学校の再開について

In the event of a Nankai Trough earthquake (including the Tokai earthquake), it is expected that the school will be temporarily closed. The period of closure will vary depending on the magnitude of the damage, but once it is confirmed that it is safe to resume school life, we will inform you of the school days and times via smart renraku-cho, the school website, etc.

5. Others その他

When the 「Nankai Trough Earthquake Temporary Information」 and the Earthquake Early Warning are announced, it is expected that society as a whole will be in a panic state, it will be difficult to get through on the phone, and it will be impossible for schools to contact each household. Parents are required to take the action by 「going to school to pick up their children when the Earthquake Early Warning (giant earthquake warning or giant earthquake caution) regarding the Nankai Trough is announced.」 Please understand that this is a measure to protect the lives and safety of children.