

ECC Weather Policy

This weather policy is applicable for ECC's various events and activities, including but not limited to Sunday Worship Services, Sunday school/ classes, etc.

Subject to announcements by the Hong Kong Observatory which typically gives 2 hours' notice for hoisting tropical cyclone warning signals, various steps of precaution shall take effect, including but not limited to the cancellation of events and activities for the safety of our congregation, children/ youth, volunteers, contractors and staff. Please refer to the timelines and scenarios set out in the tables below for guidance.

Generally, four (4) hours' time consideration is given after the lowering of Typhoon Signal No. 8/ Black Rainstorm Warnings to ensure availability of public transportation services for relevant church staff and/ or ministry leaders to arrive for set up and preparations of the services and/ or events. ECC'ers are to listen to radio or television announcements or follow updates on Hong Kong Observatory's website at www.hko.gov.hk. As far as practicable, guidelines are adopted with reference to those published by Hong Kong's Education Bureau and/ or Labour Department.

What happens when Warning Signals are Hoisted and in Effect:

Weather Condition/ Warning Signal	Sunday Services (incl. Children's Ministry, Youth Ministry)	Other Ministries/ Events
Tropical Cyclone/ Typhoon		
Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 1	Proceed as scheduled	Proceed as scheduled
Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3	Proceed as scheduled unless advised otherwise e.g. if Signal No. 8 will be hoisted before 12:30 pm*	Proceed as scheduled unless advised otherwise e.g. if hoisting of Signal No. 8 is expected 2 hours after event starts
Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 and above	Cancelled	Cancelled
Rainstorm Warning Signals		
Amber	Proceed as scheduled	Proceed as scheduled
Red	Proceed as scheduled unless advised otherwise, stay indoors/ under shelter until lowering of warning signal	Proceed as scheduled unless advised otherwise, stay indoors/ under shelter until lowering of warning signal
Black	Cancelled unless program is already in progress, in which case, stay indoors/ under shelter until lowering of warning signal	Cancelled unless program is already in progress, in which case, stay indoors/ under shelter until lowering of warning signal

**Depending on the time of HKO's notification, if worship service/ program is already underway, the congregation may be dismissed at discretion to return home to safety.*

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What happens when Warning Signals are Lowered:

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<i>Tropical Cyclone/ Typhoon Signal No. 8</i>		
Lowered by 6:30 a.m. on Sunday	Normal	Normal
Lowered after 6:30 a.m. on Sunday	Cancelled	Cancelled unless advised otherwise, e.g. if Signal No.8 is lowered 2 hours before event starts