

## 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](http://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 Worship Services	Children's Ministry	Youth Ministry	Other Ministries/ Events
<b>Tropical Cyclone/ Typhoon</b>				
Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 1	Proceed as scheduled	Proceed as scheduled	Proceed as scheduled	Proceed as scheduled
Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 3	Proceed as scheduled unless advised otherwise e.g. if hoisting of Signal No. 8 is expected within 2 hours*	<b>Cancelled</b> unless advised otherwise (if accompanied by parents, may join the adult worship service)	Proceed as scheduled unless advised otherwise e.g. if hoisting of Signal No. 8 is expected within 2 hours*	Proceed as scheduled unless advised otherwise e.g. if hoisting of Signal No. 8 is expected within 2 hours*
Tropical Cyclone Warning Signal No. 8 and above	<b>Cancelled</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>	<b>Cancelled</b>
<b>Rainstorm Warning Signals</b>				
Amber	Proceed as scheduled	Proceed as scheduled	Proceed as scheduled	Proceed as scheduled
Red	Proceed as scheduled unless advised otherwise, stay indoors/ under shelter until lowering of warning signal	<b>Cancelled</b> unless program is already in progress, in which case, stay indoors/ under shelter until lowering of warning signal	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

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Black	<b>Cancelled</b> unless program is already in progress, in which case, stay indoors/ under shelter until lowering of warning signal	<b>Cancelled</b> unless program is already in progress, in which case, stay indoors/ under shelter until lowering of warning signal	<b>Cancelled</b> unless program is already in progress, in which case, stay indoors/ under shelter until lowering of warning signal	<b>Cancelled</b> 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 9:30 a.m. worship service is already underway, the congregation may be dismissed at discretion to return home to safety and 11:15 a.m. worship service would be cancelled accordingly.*

### What happens when Warning Signals are Lowered:

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<b>Tropical Cyclone/ Typhoon Signal No. 8</b>				
Lowered by 5:30 a.m. on Sunday	9:30 a.m. service – normal 11:15 a.m. service – normal	<b>Cancelled</b> unless advised otherwise (if accompanied by parents, may join the adult worship service) <b>or</b> lowered to T1	11:15 a.m. Youth Sunday School – normal	9:30 a.m. events – normal 11:15 a.m. events – normal 1:00 p.m. & after events – normal
Lowered by 7:15 a.m. on Sunday	9:30 a.m. service – cancelled 11:15 a.m. service – normal	<b>Cancelled</b> unless advised otherwise (if accompanied by parents, may join the adult worship service) <b>or</b> lowered to T1	11:15 a.m. Youth Sunday School – normal	9:30 a.m. events – cancelled 11:15 a.m. events – normal 1:00 p.m. & after events – normal
Lowered between 7:15 a.m. and 10:30 a.m. on Sunday	9:30 a.m. service – cancelled 11:15 a.m. service – cancelled	9:30 a.m. service – cancelled 11:15 a.m. service – cancelled	9:30 a.m. service – cancelled 11:15 a.m. service – cancelled	9:30 a.m. events – cancelled 11:15 a.m. events – cancelled 1:00 p.m. & after events – normal
Lowered after 10:30 a.m. on Sunday	9:30 a.m. service – cancelled 11:15 a.m. service – cancelled	9:30 a.m. service – cancelled 11:15 a.m. service – cancelled	9:30 a.m. service – cancelled 11:15 a.m. service – cancelled	9:30 a.m. events – cancelled 11:15 a.m. events – cancelled 1:00 p.m. & after events – cancelled

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### **For ECC Staff and Volunteers:**

#### *Sundays or other scheduled ministry events/ activity days:*

If Hong Kong Observatory has announced that Typhoon Signal No. 8 is expected to be hoisted and ongoing programs are being cancelled within 2 hours, announcement shall be made, everyone may be released to go home after ensuring program participants have safely left the meeting place (e.g. YMCA, Ministry Center, etc.). Staff living on Outer Lying Islands may be released at immediate supervisor's discretion at hoisting of Typhoon Signal No. 3 in order to catch available ferry services. In exceptional circumstances, it may be advisable for all to stay under shelter until it is safe to go outdoors to return home.

Unless advised otherwise, staff shall report for duty within 2 hours or as soon as practicable after the lowering of Typhoon Signal No. 8/ Black Rainstorm Warning to set up and prepare for resumption of scheduled programs. Unless advised otherwise, ministry leaders and volunteers shall also observe this guideline as far as practicable and close, ongoing communications with respective staff is recommended. In instances of Red or Black Rainstorm warnings, if programs are already underway, ECC shall endeavor to ensure that facilities remain open for staying indoors/ under shelter until lowering of warning signals.

#### *Weekday office hours:*

If Hong Kong Observatory has announced that Typhoon Signal No. 8 is expected to be hoisted, staff may be released to go home. Staff living on Outer Lying Islands may be released at immediate supervisor's discretion at hoisting of Typhoon Signal No. 3 in order to catch available ferry services. Unless advised otherwise, staff shall report for duty at office within 2 hours or as soon as practicable after the lowering of Typhoon Signal No. 8/ Black Rainstorm Warning. If staff are already in office when Red or Black Rainstorm warnings come into effect, they shall stay indoors/ under shelter until lowering of warning signals.