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**Correspondence from Nursery Schools and Certified Children’s Centres Regarding Disaster Prevention and
Weather Information
(For the Fiscal Year 2026)**

Regarding the correspondence from nursery schools and certified children’s centres for disaster prevention and weather information, the following steps have been implemented to ensure that the children’s safety and peace of mind for parents and guardians is our top priority. We would like to ask your understanding and continued cooperation.

Notice

1. Criteria for Temporary Closure

As a general rule, nursery schools will be **temporarily closed** if any of the criteria ①-③ in the table below applies at **6:00 a.m.** (also applies to temporary childcare and holiday childcare).

	Category	Criteria for the Closure of Nursery Schools	Applicable Nursery Schools	Remarks
①	Emergency Warnings [issued by the Japan Meteorological Agency]	Any of the following special warnings: Heavy rain, flooding, sediment disasters, storm surges, gale winds, blizzards, heavy snow, strong waves.	As a rule, all nursery schools (hoikuen/kodomoen) in Chiba City will be closed.	
②	Evacuation Information [issued by Chiba City]	Any of the following evacuation information: • emergency safety measures • evacuation instruction • evacuation of the elderly and certain other groups	A) <u>Evacuation information is issued for the entire city ⇒ All nursery schools (hoikuen/kodomoen) in Chiba City will be closed.</u> B) <u>Evacuation information is issued for limited areas ⇒ The nursery schools located in affected areas will be</u>	※Evacuation information in Chiba City is issued for areas that require evacuation. Please check the areas where evacuation information is issued. ※ <u>The weather warning/advisory “equivalent to Alert Level ○○” is not evacuation information issued by Chiba City.</u>

			<u>closed.</u>	<u>It is separate to the criteria for the temporary closure of nursery schools</u>
③	Planned Suspension of Railway Services [announced by JR]	Any of the following suspension of railway services: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • planned suspension of <u>all railway lines</u> • planned suspension of <u>all railway lines</u> during morning commuting hours 	As a rule, all nursery schools (hoikuen/kodomoen) in Chiba City will be closed.	※Applicable when the planned suspension of railway services is for <u>all railway lines</u> . As a rule, the partial suspension of railway services in some sections does not apply.

※ **Regarding Evacuation Information:**

Evacuation information for specific areas which are at risk for each disaster is issued by the city.

[Target Evacuation Zones]

- Sediment Disasters: Households located in sediment disaster-related hazard areas, special sediment disaster hazard areas, or within areas that haven't yet been investigated but are predicted to be at risk of sediment-related disasters.
- Disasters related to river flooding, heavy rain, or storm surges (1000-year events): Towns (machi) or districts (chōme) that are predicted to be at risk of experiencing flooding.

Please check the “Chiba City Earthquake and Storm & Flood Damage Hazard Map” (city website), to see whether the evacuation order applies to your area.

URL: <https://www.city.chiba.jp/sogoseisaku/kikikanri/bosai/2019jisinfusuigaihazardmap.html>

2. Response to the Announcement of Emergency Warnings at Different Times:

As a general rule, the decision regarding the closure of the nursery schools will be made at 6:00 a.m.

Measures taken in response to the announcement time of the emergency warnings are as follows:

	Situation	Nursery School Closure	Nursery School Response
①	If the nursery school no longer meets the criteria for closure, even after the decision to close the nursery has been made (from 6:00 a.m.)	Nursery schools will close	• Even if the warnings have been lifted early in the morning, nursery schools will remain closed for the day.
②	If the nursery school meets the criteria for closure after 6:00 a.m.	<u>Nursery schools will open as a rule</u>	• As a rule, nursery schools will remain open. Depending on the situation, nursery schools will accept children from families who have difficulties minding their children at home. The principal may take appropriate measures such as requesting that the children be collected early, after taking into consideration the safety of the parents/guardians and the required action in line with the evacuation order.

③	If the nursery school meets the criteria for closure just before 6:00 a.m.	Nursery schools will open as usual as a rule	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The opening of the nursery school may be delayed due to the time required to prepare for the arrival of children. • Please check in advance with each nursery school regarding their response in the event of a cancellation.
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3. Regarding the measures to inform parents/guardians about the temporary closure of the nursery school

- Each nursery school will inform the parents/guardians by telephone or by email.
- The status of the closure of the nursery school will be published on the website of the Early Childhood Education and Care Administration Division for Chiba City Hall.

4. Regarding childcare in the event of a disaster




• If for example it is dangerous to enter the building, if utilities (such as electricity, gas or water) are suspended or if the building is significantly damaged, childcare cannot be safely provided so the nursery school will close and shared childcare with neighbouring nursery schools may be implemented. Both the City Hall and the nursery schools will work together to reach a solution and the nursery school will then inform the parents/guardians. In the case that shared childcare is offered, the enrolled nursery school and the host nursery school will have a thorough meeting and the parents will be informed as to what to bring to the host nursery school so that the host nursery school is prepared to meet the needs of the parents who require childcare.



5. Regarding the nursery school fee and lunch fee

As a rule, we do not calculate the fees on a prorated basis and there are no exemptions.

6. Main Sources of Information for Updates on Climate and Disaster Prevention.

Please use the following tools below to obtain climate information, disaster prevention information, and information about evacuation areas that's relevant to you.

Platform Name	Details	Registration	QR code
Chiba City Disaster Prevention Portal	This website is run by Chiba City, and you can check any official announcements made by Chiba City about evacuation orders here. You can also find information about the status and condition of evacuation areas, climate information, and information about disasters or emergencies here too.	Not required	
“Disaster Prevention Information for Your City” from the Japan Meteorological Agency	The website of the Japan Meteorological Agency summarizes information about the weather for Chiba City on one page.	Not required	
Chiba City Safety and Security Mail	This is service delivers information about crime and disaster prevention by email.	Required	

<p>Chiba City's Official Social Media Accounts</p>	<p>For more information about the municipal government, or for updates on emergencies and disasters, please follow Chiba City's official social media accounts.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ① Chiba City's Official LINE Account ② Chiba City's X Account (Managed by the Public Relations Division) 	<p>Required</p>	 <p>LINE X</p>
<p>Yahoo! Disaster Prevention App</p>	<p>An "emergency announcement" is sent out by the local government. When a disaster occurs or if there is a risk of a disaster, information is distributed regarding the opening of shelters and disaster alerts.</p>	<p>Required</p>	 <p>iOS Android</p>