

Tsunami Video Script

How do we manage Tsunami Warning Services, Evacuation, and Sheltering during the COVID-19 pandemic?

1. "Tsunami Evacuation Order" should take priority over a "COVID-19 stay-at-home order" as immediate life-safety is the priority.
2. Assess whether the hospitals designated to care for COVID-19 patients are in tsunami inundation areas.
3. Plans for tsunami assembly areas and shelters should be reviewed to take into consideration physical distancing and medical isolation needs related to COVID-19.

Identify if these sites are within COVID-19 cluster areas.

4. Temporary evacuation areas and shelters should not be used for COVID-19 treatment or other purposes in general.

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5. If the community feels a strong earthquake that makes it hard to stand or a long earthquake that lasts more than a minute, they should immediately self-evacuate to a **Temporary Evacuation Place**.

After the tsunami threat ends, with the direction and guidance from the authorities, the community can move to the **Final Evacuation Place**, or if the tsunami does not occur, the community can return home.

6. In countries/regions that are at risk of tsunamis generated by nearby local sources, the public needs to continue to use natural tsunami warning signs as cues for self-evacuation.
7. Know the danger zones, only evacuate these zones, do not expose yourself unnecessarily.

(60 seg approx)

Suggested National and Local Best Practices during COVID-19

1. Ensure that tsunami preparedness measures are adapted to COVID-19 conditions before a tsunami event.
2. Include masks and hand sanitizers into families emergency kits.
3. Prepare facilities and protocols to protect response workers.
4. Ensure the availability of masks, clean water, soaps, hand sanitizer, and medical kits including thermometers in evacuation centres.

(20 seg aprox)

The Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction highlights the importance of having national and local disaster risk reduction strategies by 2020 “**Target E**”

(10 seg aprox)

Based on the “**Guidelines for Tsunami Warning Services, Evacuation and Sheltering during COVID-19**”

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