

## **Cancellation of classes and examinations due to suspension of public transport services, weather warnings, or evacuation advisories/orders**

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In the event of suspension of public transport services, issuance of weather warnings or evacuation advisories/orders, classes will be cancelled in the following cases.

### **1. Suspension of public transport services**

#### **<1> Classes held at the Rokkodai area**

Any remaining classes (including scheduled examinations) will be cancelled for that day if one or more of the following three conditions applies:

- (1) If West Japan Railway Company (Kobe Line) services are suspended
- (2) If Hankyu Railway (Kobe Line) and Hanshin Electric Railway (Hanshin Main Line) services are suspended at the same time
- (3) If Kobe City Buses Route 16 and Route 36 services are suspended at the same time

However, classes will still be held in the following cases:

- ① If transport services resume by 6am, classes will be held from the first period
- ② If transport services resume by 10am, classes scheduled after 1pm will be held
- ③ If transport services resume by 2pm, classes scheduled after 5pm will be held

#### **<2> Classes held at the Kusunoki area (School & Graduate School of Medicine)**

Any remaining classes (including scheduled examinations) will be cancelled for that day in the case of (1) and/or (2) as detailed below.

- (1) If West Japan Railway (Kobe Line), Hankyu Railway (Kobe Line) and Hanshin Electric Railway (Hanshin Main Line) services are all suspended at the same time
- (2) If West Japan Railway (Kobe Line) and Kobe Municipal Subway (Seishin Yamate Line) services are suspended at the same time

However, classes will still be held in the following cases:

- ④ If transport services resume by 6am, classes will be held from the first period
- ⑤ If transport services resume by 10am, classes scheduled after 1pm will be held
- ⑥ If transport services resume by 2pm, classes scheduled after 5pm will be held

<3> Classes held at the Myodani area (Faculty & Graduate School of Health Sciences)

Any remaining classes (including scheduled examinations) will be cancelled for that day if one or more of the following three conditions applies:

- (1) If West Japan Railway Company (Kobe Line) services are suspended
- (2) If Hankyu Railway (Kobe Line) and Hanshin Electric Railway (Hanshin Main Line) services are suspended at the same time
- (3) If Kobe Municipal Subway (Seishin Yamate Line) services are suspended

However, classes will still be held in the following cases:

- ⑦ If transport services resume by 6am, classes will be held from the first period
- ⑧ If transport services resume by 10am, classes scheduled after 1pm will be held
- ⑨ If transport services resume by 2pm, classes scheduled after 5pm will be held

<4> Classes held at the Fukae area (Faculty & Graduate School of Maritime Sciences)

Any remaining classes (including scheduled examinations) will be cancelled for that day if West Japan Railway Company (Kobe Line), Hankyu Railway (Kobe Line) and Hanshin Electric Railway (Hanshin Main Line) services are all suspended at the same time.

However, classes will still be held in the following cases:

- ⑩ If transport services resume by 6am, classes will be held from the first period
- ⑪ If transport services resume by 10am, classes scheduled after 1pm will be held
- ⑫ If transport services resume by 2pm, classes scheduled after 5pm will be held

## **2. Issue of weather warnings**

Any remaining classes (including scheduled examinations) will be cancelled for that day if Kobe City issues a weather warning for gales/storms, heavy snowfall, blizzards, or an emergency warning.

This also applies if a weather warning is issued covering a wider area that includes Kobe City.

However, classes will still be held in the following cases:

- ① If the weather warning is lifted by 6am, classes will be held from the first period
- ② If the weather warning is lifted by 10am, classes scheduled after 1pm will be held
- ③ If the weather warning is lifted by 2pm, classes scheduled after 5pm will be held

### **3. Issuance of evacuation advisories/orders**

Any remaining classes (including scheduled examinations) in the applicable campuses will be cancelled for that day if the Kobe City authorities issue evacuation advisories or evacuation orders for areas that include campus locations (Rokkodai area, Kusunoki area, Fukae area or Myodani area). However, if the evacuation advisories/orders are lifted by 6am, classes will be held from the first period.

### **4. Notice of class cancellation**

If suspension of public transport services, issuance of weather warnings or evacuation advisories/orders is anticipated, Kobe University will notify students in advance of class cancellation using the university bulletin boards, Uribo-net website, or the homepages of each faculty and graduate school.

*Please note:*

1. "Suspension of public transport services" refers to cases when railways or roads are blocked by accidents, weather phenomena, earthquakes or other reasons, and transport services are suspended, making it difficult to travel to university.
2. "Weather warnings" refers to warnings issued by the Kobe Local Meteorological Office.
3. You can use information from the television, radio or internet to confirm the issuance and lifting of weather warnings or evacuation advisories/orders.
4. Classes may still take place in the above circumstances if they are small-group classes such as practical lessons or research guidance sessions. However, these classes will not be held if evacuation advisories/orders are issued.
5. Other necessary items will be decided separately by each faculty or graduate school
6. This arrangement will be applicable from September 26, 2018.