



2025 Shelter-in-Place Drill *FACT SHEET*

- The Shelter-in-Place drill will begin at 11:00 a.m. on November 5th. This coincides with the testing of the safety sirens in Contra Costa that sound at 11:00 a.m.

Or, if necessary, you can change to a time better suited to your site.



Please note: If you do not normally hear the sound of the sirens on the first Wednesday of every month YOU WILL NOT HEAR THEM ON NOV 5th Sirens are only one of the ways a Shelter-in-Place alert is broadcast. In an actual emergency, other tools to alert the public would also be used, such as KCBS 740AM radio, scrolling messages on CCTV, weather radio alerts, and the TENS system (automated telephone calls) as well as cell phone notifications.

- Each site will determine how complex they want the Shelter-in-Place drill to be at their own facility. The scope can range from a tabletop exercise with staff to a full-scale drill bringing everyone inside to Shelter-in-Place. Drill can be as long as you want it to be.
- The drill is being sponsored by Contra Costa County CAER (Community Awareness Emergency Response) Group. CAER is a non-profit organization with members from fire, law enforcement, health services, emergency services, plus community and industry representatives.
- All public and private schools are encouraged to participate. This is a chance to be part of a countywide exercise that will promote further awareness about Shelter-in-Place training and procedures.
- Participating schools will have their names posted on the CAER web site at cococaer.org (Unless told otherwise)
- The County Board of Supervisors as well as All City/Town Councils in the County are being asked to proclaim November 5th as "Shelter-in-Place Education Day."
- The Shelter-in-Place Drill is an annual event on the first Wednesday in November. CAER sponsors the drill to promote emergency preparedness in our schools.