

“We will promote the health of the residents who were forced to evacuate.”

Due to the Great East Japan Earthquake and the accident at Tokyo Electric Power Company (TEPCO)'s Fukushima Daiichi NPS, many of the residents of Fukushima Prefecture were forced to evacuate and face drastic changes in their daily lives. Accordingly, many may have also experienced significant changes in their diet, exercise, or other lifestyle factors or have had difficulty in receiving medical checkups, and are worried about their own health.

Fukushima Prefecture has been conducting health checkups for people who were residing in Evacuation Areas, such as Restricted Areas, designated by the national government as of 2011 ("covered areas"), considering it necessary to ascertain the overall health conditions of the residents, not limited to the health effects caused by their anxieties over radiation and prolonged refugee life, and to utilize the obtained data for the prevention and early detection and treatment of lifestyle-related diseases, thereby promoting and maintaining the good health of the residents.

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The residents who were forced to evacuate from covered areas have been living as refugees away from their own homes for a prolonged period of time. Fukushima Prefecture has been conducting the Comprehensive Health Checkup for the purpose of monitoring whether they have any physical problems and utilizing the data for early treatment as necessary.

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