EMORY EMERGENCY NOTIFICATION SYSTEM

What is it?

The Emory Emergency Notification program is a multimodal system for alerting students, staff, faculty, and visitors of an emergency on or near the Emory campus.

Notification Components

- Outdoor sirens/public address system
- e-Notify system: text messages sent to your cell phone
- Emory email
- Emory Emergency Announcements page: www.emory.edu/emergency
- Emory's cable TV banner/messages
- School closures: call Emory's weather emergency line, 404.727.1234

How can I receive a text message?

Students and staff can access the Emergency Alert Information page by logging into OPUS or PeopleSoft. Be sure to update your information should your emergency contact information change.

What if I forget to update?

Each semester students logging into OPUS will be automatically prompted to view and update emergency contact information. Faculty and staff will receive a reminder during open enrollment.

Monthly Testing

Outdoor sirens, the public address system, and e-Notify text messages will be tested at noon on the first Wednesday of each month. If weather is questionable, the test will be postponed to Thursday; if weather is still questionable, the test will be cancelled for the month.

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What should I do if I hear a siren or receive a notification?

Sirens are meant to alert individuals outside and rarely can be heard inside. Be aware of your surroundings and take action to provide for your safety. Share the information with others around you who may not have heard the siren. If you need more information, log onto Emory's Emergency Announcements page www.emory.edu/emergency or tune to your local television or radio station.

Messages (alerts) received through the Emory Emergency Notification System are brief and limited to 140 characters. Typically, the alerts will provide a brief description of the situation as well as simple instructions and guidance. Often, the information provided is just part of the information contained within this guide. For example: "A tornado warning has been issued for Dekalb County. Seek shelter. Refer to local TV/radio for updates." Please refer to this "Just in Time" card set for additional guidance and directions.

How will I know the situation has been resolved?

Emory will use components of the Emergency Notification System to inform the community when the situation has been resolved.

External Sources of Information

The National Weather Service (NWS) also provides information regarding weather-related emergencies such as tornadoes. Having a weather radio will alert you in case of a weather emergency. Visit the National Weather Service website www.nws.noaa.gov/ for further information about being prepared for and tracking weather emergencies.

Local TV/Radio Stations That Provide Information Regarding School Closings

WSB (750 AM) radio and local television WSB (ABC), WGCL (CBS), WAGA (FOX), WXIA (NBC)