

# UF Alert Summary & After Action Report

2017

*UF Department of Emergency Management*

## Overview

The University of Florida (UF) strives to provide an effective emergency notification and timely warning system for students, faculty, staff and visitors. The system, branded as UF Alert, is consistently reviewed and measured for performance. When a significant emergency or dangerous situation is immediately occurring or threatening the health and safety of Campus, an **emergency notification** is issued. A **timely warning** is sent when the incident represents a serious or continuing, but not immediate, threat to students and or employees. Messages are triggered by reports or confirmations of incidents within the University’s Clery Act defined geography. Generally, these boundaries include “reasonably contiguous” areas of Campus as well as public sidewalks, streets and opposite sidewalks along the Campus borders.

UF Alert services four geographic areas:

- System-wide – The **UF Alert-Systemwide** service area provides notification to all locations regarding significant impacts to University operations or schedules.
- Gainesville – The **UF Alert-Gainesville** service area includes the University campus as well as other Gainesville facilities such as East Campus.
- Shands – The **UF Alert-Shands** service area comprises the UF Health Shands Hospital complex on and adjacent to the University.
- Lake Nona - The **UF Alert-Lake Nona** service area covers the UF Lake Nona Research & Academic Center Facility near Orlando, Florida.

This document contains a summary of notification activity for the 2017 calendar year as well as results from the annual UF Alert test. Additionally, *Attachment 1* includes full message contents from all 2017 UF Alerts.

## Summary of Calendar Year 2017 UF Alert Messages

UF issued a total of seventy-two (72) messages covering thirty-eight (38) separate incidents during the year. Of those incidents, fifteen (15) involved UF Alert-Gainesville, eight (8) for UF Alert-Shands, six (6) for UF Alert-Lake Nona and nine (9) for UF Alert-Systemwide. The total includes three (3) test and six (6) timely warning messages.

Of note, Hurricane Irma response directly accounts for seventeen (17) of the thirty-eight (38) incidents. Similarly, twenty-seven (27) of the seventy-two (72) messages were associated with the hurricane. This amount represents nearly thirty-eight percent (38%) of all UF Alerts sent during 2017.

The table below lists the incidents and number of associated messages. Message language for each of the notifications is documented in *Attachment 1*.

**Table 1: UF Alerts Issued During Calendar Year 2017**

Incident	Number of Messages	Date Issued	UF Alert Recipient Group
Armed Robbery – West University Avenue	3	02/03	Gainesville
Armed Robbery – SW 34 <sup>th</sup> Street	7	02/07	Gainesville
Timely Warning – Burglary (NW 14 <sup>th</sup> Street)	1	02/09	Gainesville

Armed Person – SW 1 <sup>st</sup> Avenue	3	04/14	Gainesville
Timely Warning – Suspicious Incident and Possible Aggravated Assault (UF Campus)	1	06/02	Gainesville
UF Alert Test Announcement	2	06/05	Lake Nona
UF Alert Test	1	06/08	Lake Nona
Tornado Warning – Lake Nona	2	07/07	Lake Nona
Mass Casualty Incident - Shands	2	07/14	Shands
Timely Warning – Bulgary (NW 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place)	1	07/29	Gainesville
Shands Exercise	2	08/08	Shands
Timely Warning – Strong Armed Robbery (SW 13 <sup>th</sup> Street)	1	08/23	Gainesville
Armed Robbery – SW 3 <sup>rd</sup> Avenue	6	08/25	Gainesville
Armed Robbery – SW 2 <sup>nd</sup> Avenue	4	09/02	Gainesville
Hurricane Irma Closure	2	09/06	Lake Nona
Hurricane Irma Closure	3	09/07	Systemwide
Power Outage – Shands South Tower	3	09/07	Shands
Hurricane Irma Closure Extension	2	09/09	Systemwide
Hurricane Warning	1	09/09	Gainesville
Hurricane Irma Shelter Information	1	09/09	Systemwide
Hurricane Irma Closure Extension	1	09/09	Lake Nona
Hurricane Irma Update	1	09/09	Shands
Hurricane Irma Shelter Information	2	09/10	Systemwide
Hurricane Irma Information	1	09/10	Shands
Hurricane Irma Shelter Information	1	09/10	Gainesville
Unintended Message	1	09/10	Systemwide
Hurricane Irma Opening Information	1	09/10	Systemwide
Tornado Warning	1	09/10	Lake Nona
IT Outage	1	09/11	Shands
Hurricane Irma Information	3	09/11	Gainesville
Hurricane Irma Information	1	09/11	Systemwide

Command Center Activation	2	09/11	Shands
Hurricane Imra Information	2	09/11	Systemwide
Hurricane Imra Information	1	09/12	Systemwide
Command Center Activation	2	09/13	Shands
UF Alert Test	1	11/15	Gainesville
Timely Warning – Sexual Battery (SW 13 <sup>th</sup> Street)	1	11/16	Gainesville
Timely Warning – Credit Card Theft (UF Campus)	1	11/17	Gainesville

## UF Alert Users Training

Users of the UF Alert system, who are authorized to send messages, are provided regular education and training opportunities. For University Relations, UF Department of Emergency Management (UFDEM) conducts training on a quarterly basis, requiring users to log-in and initiate a test message from the InformaCast portal. University of Florida Police Police Communications Operators (PCOs) complete a monthly test administered by the Police Communications Manager. PCOs must demonstrate proficiency on InformaCast as well as Blackboard Connect. All new operators are presented with an overview training, outlining the UF Alert program and specific details of sending a message. Following an actual UF Alert, the sending PCO is provided with a written quality assurance review of performance and message wording. The purpose of the regular testing and training is to address and improve the human component behind commencing an emergency notification. UF Health at Shands Hospital and Lake Nona Research and Academic Center are responsible for training authorized senders for UF Alert-Shands and UF Alert-Lake Nona, respectively.

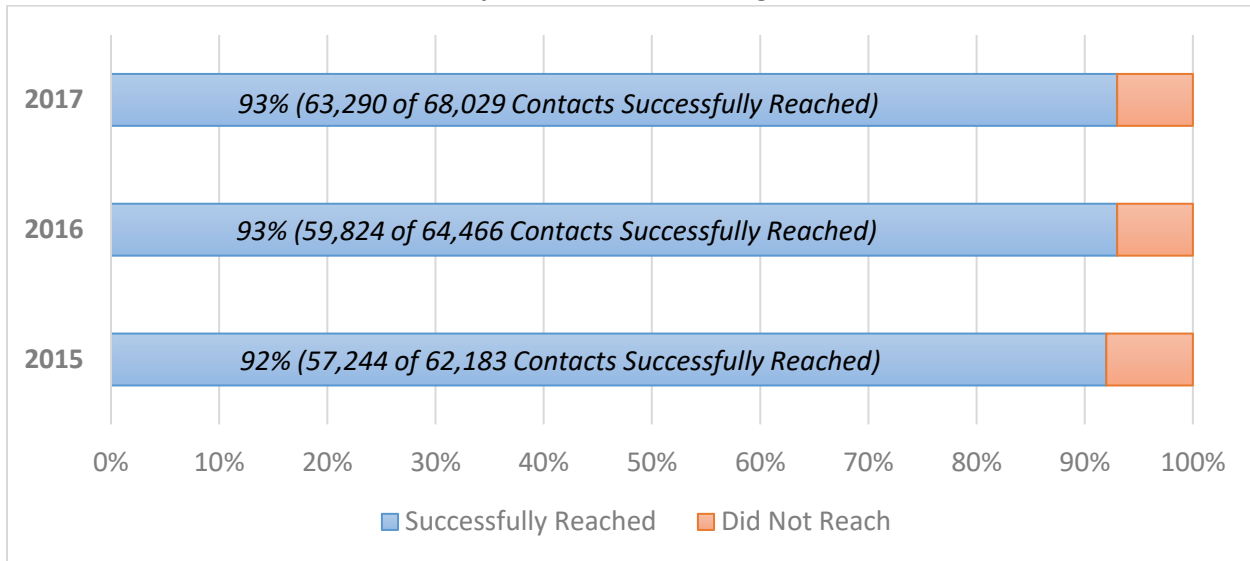
## UF Alert Annual Test Results

In accordance with UF’s Annual Security and Fire Safety Report, *Together for a Safe Campus*, as well as the *Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act*, a coordinated test of the UF Alert system was conducted during the fall semester. The announced test occurred on November 15<sup>th</sup> and activated each notification method – text messaging, email, VoIP mass notification, social media, web and RSS. The test message was sent via the integrated InformaCast portal. Specifically, this test activated messages directed to subscribers of “UF Alert-Gainesville.” A UFPD PCO initiated the message, including recording the audio portion.

### SMS/Text Messaging

Text messaging is sent through an interface with the University’s vendor, Blackboard Connect. The system attempted to deliver to 68,029 contacts. The text was initiated at 11:40AM and completed by 11:49AM. Ninety-three percent (93%), or 63,290 devices, were successfully reached by the message. The majority of the seven (7%) of the individuals who did not receive the message have either opted out of receiving texts from Blackboard or have entered an invalid telephone number in the MyUFL emergency contact registry. This performance is in line with previous year, as depicted in Table 2. A detailed report of the delivery results is provided in Table 3 below.

**Table 2: Annual Test Performance Comparison of Text Message Device Deliveries**



**Table 3: SMS/Text Message Detailed Delivery Rates**

	Number of Contacts	Percentage of Total
Text Email Sent	3,115	5%
Sent to Carrier	2,602	4%
Delivery Confirmed	57,573	85%
Text Opted-Out	3,331	5%
Text pending Opt-In	298	0%
Invalid Text Phone	462	1%
International Text Not Enabled	211	0%
Text Deactivated	15	0%
	<b>Total = 67,836</b>	

### Email

Once initiated, email performance was extremely rapid and efficient. Over ninety-nine percent (99%), or 67,544 of 67,628, of the emails were delivered by the end of the first minute. Table 4 compares email delivery execution against recent annual tests.

**Table 4: Annual Test Performance Comparison of Email Deliveries During Initial Five Minutes**

	Minute 1	Minute 2	Minute 3	Minute 4	Minute 5
<b>2017</b>	67,544	77	1	2	1
<b>2016</b>	65,003	19	57	1	40
<b>2015</b>	63,756	109	4	0	3

### VoIP Mass Notificaiton

A test audio and text message was sent to IP devices (telephones and speakers) maintained by the two campus telephone providers – Information and Communication Technology (ICT) and Housing &

Residence Education. At the time of the test, UF maintained over 16,000 IP devices connected to the InformaCast system.

Previously, an additional InformaCast server was maintained by HealthNet to serve Academic Health Center areas. VoIP service for that portion of campus was absorbed by ICT during 2017 and the HealthNet instance of InformaCast decommissioned. All IP devices in the Academic Health Center were migrated to the ICT InformaCast server. This change improved performance for those devices.

Performance for Housing & Residence Education dramatically improved, from an activation failure during the 2016 test. An issue which was corrected following that annual test. However, Housing speakers did not broadcast audio during this year’s test. Reference Page 7 for additional details on this noted area for improvement.

**Table 5: Detailed Results of IP Device Performance**

	Information and Communication Technology	Housing & Residence Education
Number of activation attempts	16,134	331
Number of activation successes	16,110	325
Number of activation failures	24	6
Authentication errors	0	4
Network errors	0	2
Unknown errors	24	0
Average time to activate a device	1.635 seconds	2.341 seconds
Maximum time to activate a device	31.012 seconds	6.566 seconds
Minimum time to activate a device	0.005 seconds	0.021 seconds
Broadcast initiated (HH:MM:SS)	11:31:29	10:40:28*
Broadcast finished (HH:MM:SS)	11:43:17	10:40:49*

(\*Server was set to incorrect time and issue has been addressed.)

**Table 6: Annual Test Performance Comparison of IP Device Deliveries**

	Information and Communication Technology			AHC-HealthNet			Housing & Residence Education		
	2017	2016	2015	2017 <sup>1</sup>	2016	2015	2017 <sup>2</sup>	2016	2015
<b>Total Number of Devices</b>	16,134	9,883	9,458	N/A	6,077	6,162	331	477	465
<b>Number of Successful Activations</b>	16,110	9,859	9,358	N/A	4,604	4,449	325	0	445
<b>Percentage of Successful Device Activations</b>	99%	99%	99%	N/A	76%	72%	98%	0%	96%

(<sup>1</sup>HealthNet devices were migrated to Information and Communication Technology.)

(<sup>2</sup>Housing & Residence Education speakers did not broadcast audio during the test, misrepresenting successful activation figures.)

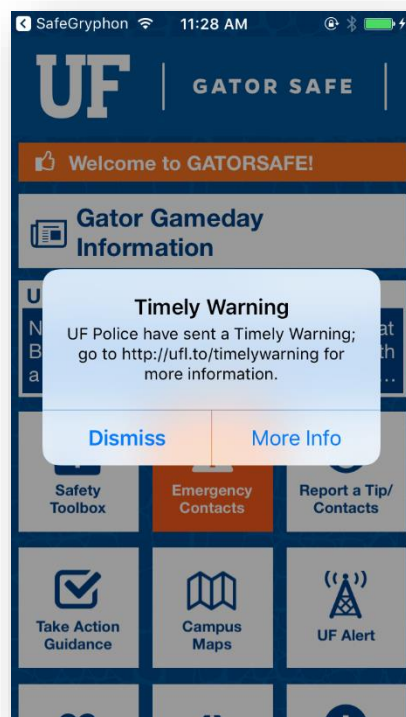
## Social Media

The test message successfully posted to the UF Alert Facebook account ([www.facebook.com/ufoalert](http://www.facebook.com/ufoalert)) as well as Twitter accounts for UF Alert (@ufoalert) and the University of Florida (@uf). UF Alert currently has 7,194 followers on Twitter and 5,206 on Facebook.



## GatorSafe App

Android and iOS users of the GatorSafe App, with push notification enabled, successfully received the test message on their devices. Individuals can adjust notification preferences in settings for the app. The default set-up is to for UF Alert messages to appear as notifications on the mobile device.



## Web

The message effectively posted on the UF homepage ([www.ufl.edu](http://www.ufl.edu)) during the test. The University's homepage provides an easily available outlet for those internal or external to the institution to view UF Alerts. Additionally, the test appeared on the University's mobile web application ([m.ufl.edu](http://m.ufl.edu)) as well as the University of Florida apps for iPhone and Android phones.

## RSS

A RSS (Real Simple Syndication) feed was created when the test message was initiated, as is the case with all UF Alerts. These feeds allow anyone with a third-party RSS reader, such as Microsoft Outlook, to receive UF Alert messages. RSS feeds are available for each service area (Systemwide, Gainesville, Lake Nona and Shands) and are listed on the UF Alert website at [ufoalert.ufl.edu/methods/](http://ufoalert.ufl.edu/methods/).

## Areas for Improvement

The University efforts to improve the emergency notification process through a performance evaluation following each UF Alert activation. Enhancements, both technological and training, are continually occurring. Improvement items are tracked during regularly occurring UF Alert Working Group meetings. The Department of Emergency Management coordinates the Work Group, which normally meets on a monthly basis. From the 2017 exercise, six areas were noted for improvement:

**Issue** – Handoff of message text to delivery modes outside of InformaCast – SMS/text, social media, web, email and RSS – did not occur until after completion of the audio message to connected IP devices, slowing delivery times.

**Status** – Issue is being researched with the vendor to determine appropriate short and long-term solutions.

**Issue** – Text of message cut-off after 100 characters.

**Status** – Issue has been resolved with a new InformaCast script plug-in, allowing additional characters.

**Issue** – Talk-a-Phone WEBS tower speakers did not broadcast audio.

**Status** – Issue has been resolved by correctly grouping the devices within the InformaCast device pool configuration.

**Issue** – Audio quality during the test was not sufficient.

**Status** – Issue is believed to be attributable to the performance of the person recording the audio and additional tests are scheduled to gauge audio quality.

**Issue** – Housing & Residence Education IP speakers did not broadcast the audio message.

**Status** – Housing has made changes to their InformaCast configurations and an additional test is scheduled to confirm resolution of the issue.

**Issue** – IP speakers located at Lake Nona received audio from the test, while only intended for Gainesville devices.

**Status** – Lake Nona devices were removed from the device pool for Gainesville and the issue resolved.

## UF Alert Program Goals and Successes

Several long-term goals are in place to drive enhancements and the future direction of the University's emergency notification program. These aspirations are primarily developed and carried out through the UF Alert Working Group. Below are the desired improvements over the next five-year period as well as recently completed goals:

- **Review of SMS/Text Messaging** (completed) – In calendar 2017, an evaluation with the potential for procurement of a SMS/text messaging vendor was conducted with the assistance of UF Procurement. The review considered numerous factors including speed of delivery, costs, usability, customer server and integration with other UF Alert components. Ultimately, the decision was made to continue service with the current vendor for the immediate future.
- **Integration of HealthNet InformaCast** (completed) – During 2017, remaining HealthNet operations were absorbed by UFIT. This process included migrating VoIP telephones and speakers located in the Health Science Center into the UFIT InformaCast server and sunset of the HealthNet InformaCast server and Memorandum of Understanding. The transitioned devices performed successfully during the annual UF Alert test.

**Development of IP device maintenance plan** (on-going) – With the allocation of UF Alert-specific funding during FY 2016/2017, a programmatic maintenance/replacement plan is being implemented with UFIT to proactively address UF Alert VoIP telephones and speakers end of vendor support status.



- **Integration of UF Alert-Jacksonville** (on-going) – The emergency notification system for the UF Health Science Center in Jacksonville is not incorporated into the UF Alert program. Ideally the systems would share the same Identity and Access Management process for subscribing as well as branding and notification methods.

## Attachment 1 – UF Alert Messages Sent During the Calendar Year 2017 (Message Content from UF Alert Emails)

### *UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Friday, February 3rd, 2017, 9:44PM*

Armed Person armed with Semi Automatic Weapon. occurred at 3328 W University avenue. Black Male blue hoodie, and dark colored t-shirt, blue sneakers with "w" on side. Stay In Place. Additional Information to follow.

*Friday, February 3rd, 2017, 10:01PM*

Armed Person at (3328 W University Ave). Suspect is Black Male wearing blue hoodie and dark t-shirt. Last seen heading eastbound.

*Friday, February 3rd, 2017, 10:17PM*

Armed Robbery Suspect not located. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 911 with any info.

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### *UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Tuesday, February 7th, 2017, 10:07PM*

Armed Robbery at off campus location 2002 SW 34th St. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow.

*Tuesday, February 7th, 2017, 10:13PM*

Black male suspect, 20's, 5 foot 4 inches, wearing dark blue hoodie, jeans, armed with black handgun, left in unknown direction.

*Tuesday, February 7th, 2017, 10:31PM*

Update, suspect was wearing camo shorts, black pullover hoodie sweater with white ties, black shoes, carrying blue nylon bag.

*Tuesday, February 7th, 2017, 10:51PM*

Ongoing incident at off campus location 2002 SW 34th St. Gainesville Police still on scene investigating. Previous notifications at <http://ufalert.ufl.edu/category/ufalert/>

*Tuesday, February 7th, 2017, 11:00PM*

Ongoing incident at off campus 2002 SW 34th St. Previous notifications at <http://ufalert.ufl.edu/category/ufalert/>

*Tuesday, February 7th, 2017, 11:38PM*

Suspect not located. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-595-1818 or 911 with any info.

*Tuesday, February 7th, 2017, 11:44PM*

CORRECTION Please Call GPD at 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info.

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*UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Thursday, February 9th, 2017, 10:02AM*

The following information was reported from the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) today and is being distributed to the campus community due to the crime's close proximity to the University of Florida campus:

The GPD are currently investigating a burglary of a residence incident that occurred Wednesday, February 8, 2017 at approximately 4:00am at an apartment complex at 414 NW 14th St. The victim reported that she woke up and found a stranger standing over her. The suspect indicated he was in the wrong apartment and immediately left the apartment on foot in an unknown direction of travel. At no time during the incident was the victim touched by the suspect.

The suspect is described as black male, 20-25 years old, approximately 6' 0" to 6' 4" in height, heavy build. He was last seen wearing unknown colored t-shirt and shorts. The GPD will be increasing patrols in the area of this incident.

Anyone with information about the incident or who may know the man's identity is asked to call the Gainesville Police Department at 352.955.1818 or text keyword GPDFL plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES). Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352.372.STOP (7867).

The UFPD firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF community.

If you become a victim of crime, please contact law enforcement immediately by calling 9-1-1.

Immediately report any suspicious person or activity to law enforcement.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings.

Ensure you lock your doors and windows to your residence.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!

Do not allow anyone to follow you in your residence as you enter.

If you believe you are being followed, try to find the nearest populated location to get assistance and call 9-1-1.

Report any lighting outages that may exist in and around your apartment complex to your complex management staff.

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*UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Friday, April 14th, 2017, 3:00AM*

Armed Person off campus at 1200 SW 1st Ave. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow.

*Friday, April 14th, 2017, 3:06AM*

Suspect is a black male, white shirt, blue jeans, gold teeth and long dreads. Armed with a gun. Heading South West.

*Friday, April 14th, 2017, 3:35AM*

Suspect not located. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 with any info.

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*UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Friday, June 2nd, 2017, 5:33PM*

The University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) is investigating a suspicious incident and possible aggravated assault that was reported to have occurred on the University of Florida's campus on Friday, June 2, 2017 after the conclusion of the Buchholz High School graduation practice this morning at approximately 11:45am. According to a witness, two individuals approached the victim and one of the two brandished a firearm. At that point he then stated that if the victim attended the graduation ceremony for Buchholz High School this evening, he was going to shoot him. After the threat was conveyed, the two suspects walked away in an unknown direction of travel. The threat was believed to have been directly connected to the Alachua County Sheriff's Office death investigation case report 17-4970.

The two suspects in this incident were described only as being black males with a medium build and "hair". The witness to the incident was not able to provide any further information. The victim in this incident has been reluctant to provide law enforcement with any details involved in this incident. The victim has however indicated that he will not be attending tonight's graduation ceremony.

Based on the preliminary information provided, the University of Florida Police Department and the Alachua County Sheriff's Office will be enhancing security measures for tonight's Buchholz Graduation ceremony.

Anyone with information about the incident or who may know the suspects' identity is asked to call the University of Florida Police Department at 352.392.1111. Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352.372.STOP (7867) or use the UFPD Silent Witness program at [http://www.police.ufl.edu/wp-content/asp/secure\\_ufpd/silent\\_witness.aspx](http://www.police.ufl.edu/wp-content/asp/secure_ufpd/silent_witness.aspx).

The UFPD recognizes that violence of this nature is not the fault of the victim.

The UFPD would however like to remind everyone of these safety consideration:

If you are attending the graduation ceremony tonight and observe ANY suspicious activities or individuals, please notify the nearest law enforcement officer or immediately call 9.1.1.

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*UF Alert-Lake Nona*

*Monday, June 5th, 2017, 2:44PM*

The University of Florida Research and Academic Center in Lake Nona will conduct a brief test of its UF Alert-Lake Nona emergency notification system for the Orlando campus which will occur sometime between 1:30 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Thursday, June 8th, 2017.

Included in Thursday's test message will be a link to the UF Alert-Lake Nona website <http://ufalert.ufl.edu/lakenona/>, where UF students, faculty and staff can learn more about the UF Alert-Lake Nona features. Those include the myUFL emergency contact information screen, which displays the cell phone number indicated to receive an individual's UF Alerts. It also allows the user to opt into or out of location-based emergency notifications for the University of Florida campus in Gainesville and the UF Research and Academic Center at Lake Nona. All users will receive systemwide alerts.

The text portion of Thursday's message will be sent to students, faculty and staff via text messaging and email. It will also post to the UF Alert-Lake Nona social media twitter account @UFAlertLakeNona, the UF Alert-Lake Nona website <http://ufalert.ufl.edu/lakenona/> and IP telephones.

The audio portion of the message will broadcast to essentially all Cisco IP telephones on the UF Orlando campus. In addition, most UF academic classrooms and class laboratories on campus include an IP telephone or speaker to receive broadcasted UF Alerts. The audio message may repeat for up to two minutes during the test.

To ensure that everyone receives text messages, students, faculty and staff should update their emergency contact information and location preferences in myUFL. Updates can be made at myUFL by clicking on "My Account" and then on "Update Emergency Contact." Select "UF Alert-Lake Nona" under the subscription settings.

The emergency text messaging system is used only in cases when a threat may affect the university's campus. In such cases, the UF Alert-Lake Nona website <http://ufalert.ufl.edu/lakenona/> is the official source of the UF Research and Academic Center emergency-related information. The UF community can review emergency response and evacuation procedures online at <https://emergency.ufl.edu/takeaction>.

To learn about UF Alert, including subscription settings, notification methods and additional information, go to <http://ufalert.ufl.edu>.

*Monday, June 5th, 2017, 3:32PM*

Correction: The University of Florida Research and Academic Center in Lake Nona will conduct a brief test of its UF Alert-Lake Nona emergency notification system for the Orlando campus sometime between 1:30 p.m. and 1:45 p.m. Thursday, June 8th, 2017.

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*UF Alert-Lake Nona*

*Thursday, June 8th, 2017, 1:31PM*

This is a test of the Lake Nona UF Alert notification system. No action is required. Learn more at <http://ufalert.ufl.edu/>.

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*UF Alert-Lake Nona*

*Friday, July 7th, 2017, 8:27PM*

Tornado Warning - Lake Nona (Orlando). Move to interior areas away from windows, doors & outside walls. Details-<http://ufl.to/lnwx>

*Friday, July 7th, 2017, 9:10PM*

The Tornado Warning for South Central Orange County which included the Lake Nona RAC has been cancelled.

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*UF Alert-Shands*

*Friday, July 14th, 2017, 1:23PM*

Mass casualty incident, patients arriving at Shands. Respond as directed for your department.

*Friday, July 14th, 2017, 2:34PM*

the hospital emergency response mass casualty plan has been completed.

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*UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Saturday, July 29th, 9:20AM*

The following information was reported from the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) and is being distributed to the campus community due to the crime's close proximity to the University of Florida campus:

The GPD are currently investigating a burglary of a residence incident that occurred Saturday, July 29, 2017 at approximately 3:15am at an apartment complex at 1605 NW 3rd Place. The victim reported that she woke up and found a stranger standing over her. The suspect initially indicated to the victim that they had been together that evening but the victim refuted that and the suspect hugged her and left the apartment. The suspect left the apartment on foot in an unknown direction of travel.

The suspect is described as black male, 20 – 30 years old, approximately 6' 3" to 6' 5" in height, large build. He was last seen wearing a green t-shirt, dark athletic shorts and possibly black tennis shoes. The GPD will be increasing patrols in the area of this incident.

Anyone with information about the incident or who may know the man's identity is asked to call the Gainesville Police Department at 352.955.1818 or text keyword GPDFL plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES). Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352.372.STOP (7867).

The UFPD firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF community.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings.

Ensure you lock your doors and windows to your residence.

Do not allow anyone to follow you in your residence as you enter.

If you become a victim of crime, please contact law enforcement immediately by calling 9-1-1.

Immediately report any suspicious person or activity to law enforcement.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!

If you believe you are being followed, try to find the nearest populated location to get assistance and call 9-1-1.

Report any lighting outages that may exist in and around your apartment complex to your complex management staff.

For questions regarding information contained in this release, please contact Major Brad Barber at (352) 273-3309. If after hours, please call (352) 392-1111 (# UFPD (#8373)) and ask to speak to a Patrol

Supervisor. I can also be reached via e-mail at: [wbarber@ufl.edu](mailto:wbarber@ufl.edu) or see the UFPD webpage at [www.police.ufl.edu](http://www.police.ufl.edu)

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*UF Alert-Shands*

*Tuesday, August 8th, 2017, 9:37AM*

This is a drill pandemic flu command center open. This is a drill.

*Tuesday, August 8th, 2017, 10:58AM*

This is an exercise. The pandemic flu exercise is complete. The command center is closed. This is a drill.

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*UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Wednesday, August 23rd, 2017, 12:42PM*

The following information was reported to the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) and is being distributed to the campus community due to the crime's close proximity to the University of Florida campus:

The GPD is currently investigating an attempted strong armed robbery that took place Tuesday afternoon at approximately 3:30pm in the area of 3301 SW 13th St. (Bivens Cove Apartments). This location is just south of the UF Tanglewood Housing area. According to information provided by the GPD, the victim indicated that she was walking her dog when the suspect came up from behind her and hit her on the head with a bottle. After striking the victim, the suspect demanded money. During this encounter, the victim's dog bit the suspect and he immediately fled into the nearby woods. The GPD searched the area for the suspect but he was not located. For further updates or details on this incident, please contact the GPD.

The description of the suspect is a Hispanic male, 5'7" to 5'9". The victim also indicated the suspect "smelled heavily of alcohol" and "appeared to be homeless".

Anyone with information about the incident or who may know the suspects identity is asked to call the Gainesville Police Department at 352-955-1818 or text keyword GPDFL plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES). Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352-372-STOP (7867).

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Avoid walking alone

Report suspicious activities or individuals immediately to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!

Stay in well-lighted areas, away from alleys, bushes, and entryways.

Walk on the side of the street facing traffic

If a driver stops to ask directions, avoid getting close to the individual or vehicle

If a vehicle appears to be following you, turn and walk in the opposite direction. You should go to a location where other people are and get assistance.

Always try to let someone know where you are going and when you expect to return.

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*UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Friday, August 25th, 2017, 12:31PM*

Armed Robbery off campus at 1218 SW 3rd Av, Lyncourt Square Apts. Avoid area or secure in place if nearby. Details to follow.

*Friday, August 25th, 2017, 12:39PM*

Armed robbery of an occupied home. Time lapse 20 minutes ago. Suspects are 3 black males, unknown clothing descriptions.

*Friday, August 25th, 2017, 12:56PM*

One suspect was possibly shot by homeowner. Suspects fled the area unknown direction of travel.

*Friday, August 25th, 2017, 1:54PM*

One suspect is 15-20 years of age, thin build, short haircut, wearing a red hoody and blue jeans.

*Friday, August 25th, 2017, 1:56PM*

Second suspect is 18-25 years of age, heavy build, facial hair, wearing a black and white hoody with black sleeves, blue jeans.

*Friday, August 25th, 2017, 1:58PM*

Suspects not located. Police have cleared scene. No need to avoid area or secure in place. Call 352-955-1818 or 911 with any info.

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*UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Saturday, September 2nd, 2017, 5:57PM*

Robbery occurred off campus at Gainesville after hours clinic last seen heading west on south west 2nd avenue. details to follow.

*Saturday, September 2nd, 2017, 6:11PM*

Robbery occurred off campus at 1026 SW 2nd Ave.

*Saturday, September 2nd, 2017, 6:12PM*

Suspect is a white male wearing a black jersey that says red one on the back, red and black shorts

*Saturday, September 2nd, 2017, 6:55PM*

Incident at 1026 SW 2nd Avenue was actually a business burglary not a robbery. Suspect not located. Resume normal activities.

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*UF Alert-Lake Nona*

*Wednesday, September 6th, 2017, 4:43PM*

Lake Nona RAC will cancel classes starting Thursday, 9/7 through the weekend and Monday, 9/11. (1 of 2)

*Wednesday, September 6th, 2017, 4:43PM*

UF Alert: Lake Nona RAC will close for all faculty and staff on Friday, 9/8 through the weekend and Monday, 9/11. (2 of 2)

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*UF Alert-Systemwide*

*Thursday, September 7th, 2017, 10:52AM*

University of Florida's main campus in Gainesville will be closed on Sunday and Monday. More info at [www.ufl.edu](http://www.ufl.edu).

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*UF Alert-Shands*

*Thursday, September 7th, 2017, 3:44PM*

Power out in South tower, on back up power, facilities working on resolution

*Thursday, September 7th, 2017, 3:52PM*

Command Center is now open

*Thursday, September 7th, 2017, 4:52PM*

Power restored to South Tower, Returned to normal operation, command center closed.

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*UF Alert-Systemwide*

*Thursday, September 7th, 2017, 9:50PM*

Per Gov. Scott's order, UF is closed Friday. Essential staff should report for work. Go to [www.ufl.edu](http://www.ufl.edu) for more info.

*Thursday, September 7th, 2017, 10:09PM*

In an emergency order, Gov. Rick Scott has directed that all public universities, colleges and K-12 schools close Friday in preparation for Hurricane Irma.

No classes at the University of Florida will be held Friday through Monday.

Safety and security is one of our highest priorities. Students are encouraged to make appropriate preparations for the pending storm in consultation with their families. Keep in mind current traffic conditions in your decision-making.

Residence halls will remain open and some student services.

Most employees should stay home but we understand that some will need to come in to close out work that needs to be completed before the storm.

As a result, every employee should check with their supervisor about whether they should report to work.

All physical plant staff are expected to report at their normal hour.

All Residence and Housing staff are expected to report at their normal hour.

Because patients will arrive for scheduled appointments, employees of the College of Medicine and UF Health Shands Hospital, and employees of the College of Veterinary Medicine and UF Veterinary Hospitals, should report to work at their regular time.

Importantly, university payroll will be approved centrally. Supervisors will not need to approve time as a result.

Check [floridagators.com](http://floridagators.com) for any athletic event schedule changes.

Additional details will be forthcoming.

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*UF Alert-Systemwide*

*Saturday, September 9th, 2017, 11:26AM*

Due to Hurricane Irma, UF Gainesville will close Tuesday. Check [www.ufl.edu](http://www.ufl.edu) for more info.

*Saturday, September 9th, 11:28AM*

Due to the current forecast of Hurricane Irma, the University of Florida's main campus in Gainesville will be closed on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

We previously announced the university would be closed on Sunday, Sept. 10, and Monday, Sept. 11. No classes at the University of Florida will be held on any of those days through Tuesday.

Only essential university personnel should report for work, although additional personnel may be asked to come in on Tuesday to assess damage and prepare for opening. All employees should check with their supervisor on Tuesday.

UF is currently scheduled to reopen and resume classes and normal operations on Wednesday, Sept. 13. We will continue to evaluate campus and community conditions, providing any scheduling updates as needed. For example, the university will consider reopening the J. Wayne Reitz Union when it is safe to do so.

The official site for university hurricane information is the UF home page.

We ask UF Health clinical and core service personnel to check with their supervisors as to whether they should report to work and provide support to the academic health center for emergency operations.

UF/IFAS personnel outside Gainesville should adhere to their county government guidelines on closing. Personnel in other UF programs outside of Gainesville should consult their supervisors.

Supervisors, please ensure that all employees, including OPS, are informed of this closure.

Notices of any scheduling changes can be found on the UF home page or on the information line at 866-UF-FACTS or 866-833-2287.

As always, students and employees in need of immediate assistance should dial 911. Students may also contact U Matter We Care at [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) or by calling (352) 294-CARE (2273). Employees may call the Employee Assistance Program at (352) 392-5787.

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*UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Saturday, September 9th, 11:37AM*

Hurricane Warning from 9/9/2017 11:19 AM EDT until further notice has been issued for Gainesville.

Details at <http://ufl.to/wx>

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*UF Alert-Systemwide*

*Saturday, September 9th, 2017, 12:04PM*

Due to possible Hurricane Irma impacts, the University of Florida's main campus in Gainesville will be closed through Tuesday, September 12. Official updates will be posted on <http://www.ufl.edu>.

The University of Florida will be opening an additional emergency shelter inside of the Southwest Recreation Center (Building 0316), for members of the UF community and the general population. The address is 3150 Hull Road, Gainesville, FL 32611. These shelters will be opened on a first-come, first-served basis on Sunday, September 10, at 10 a.m. We will open the Southwest Recreation Center earlier if needed and announce any changes in the opening time.

Most members of UF's community will shelter in their residence or home and/or with family and friends. People who should consider going to this emergency shelter may live in manufactured housing and/or within flood-prone areas. Students who live in residence halls should remain in their halls and follow housing staff instructions.

The emergency shelters will remain open until the tropical storm force winds from Hurricane Irma subside and close when outside conditions are deemed safe by public safety officials. Additional shelters could be opened depending on demand.

The emergency shelter will be located in Southwest Recreation Center. Enter the shelter from the northeast entrance inside the protective wind screen. Nearby parking may be available in parking lots along Hull Road. Campus parking restrictions are waived through Tuesday.

Entrance to the Steinbrenner shelter will require an active UF affiliation and Gator1 ID. Non-affiliated people must be accompanied by a sponsoring individual with a valid Gator1 ID at all times.

Please be advised:

- No pets or comfort animals will be allowed into the shelter, only ADA service animals are permitted. Alachua County offers two pet-friendly shelters.
- Each individual will be allocated 20 square feet of personal space.
- Please provide your own bedding (i.e. pillows, blankets, sheets, air mattresses etc.).
- Basic food options will be provided. If you have dietary restrictions, please bring your own food.
- Don't forget your chargers for electronic devices, and head phones/ear buds for video and audio use.
- Please bring your own medicines and/or medical supplies.
- No re-entry will be allowed after exiting the shelter.

A representative from the Counseling and Wellness Center and the Student Health Care Center will be available at the emergency shelter. UF Police Department will provide security.

Classes are expected to resume on Wednesday, September 13. Other scheduling updates and storm information will be posted regularly on UF's home page, <http://www.ufl.edu>.

For immediate life-safety concerns dial 9-1-1. This is an automated UF Alert system message. This email account is not actively monitored for replies.

- UF students, faculty and staff can update their contact information or subscription preferences at <http://ufl.to/editufalert>.
- UF Health staff can update their contact information and subscription preferences at <http://ufl.to/editufalertshands>.
- Learn more about UF Alert, including FAQs at <http://ufalert.ufl.edu/>.
- Download the GatorSafe app on your mobile device at <http://ufl.to/gatorsafe>.

Non-Emergency Contact Numbers:

- UF Police Department: (352) 392-1111 (UF Alert – Gainesville)
  - UF Health Shands Hospital Contact Center: (352) 265-0111 (UF Alert – Shands)
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*UF Alert-Lake Nona*

*Saturday, September 9th, 2017, 1:42PM*

In anticipation of Hurricane Irma's impact, the Lake Nona RAC will remain closed through the weekend and on Tuesday, Sept. 12.

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*UF Alert-Shands*

*Saturday, September 9th, 2017, 7:11PM*

For updated storm information and directions, please check your email. Shands Command center will open Sunday @ 11am.

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*UF Alert-Systemwide*

*Sunday, September 10th, 2017, 10:05AM*

Shelter at Steinbrenner Band Hall full - If needed, please use the shelter at Southwest Rec Center (NW side entrance)

*Sunday, September 10th, 2017, 10:28AM*

Shelter at Steinbrenner Band Hall full - If needed, please use the shelter at Southwest Rec Center (correction- NE side entrance)

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*UF Alert-Shands*

*Sunday, September 10th, 2017, 11:02AM*

Shands command center is now open for hurricane Irma.

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*UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Sunday, September 10th, 2017, 11:08AM*

With the emergency shelter at the Steinbrenner Band Hall full, there is an additional emergency shelter inside of the Southwest Recreation Center (Building 0316), for members of the UF community and the general population. The address is 3150 Hull Road, Gainesville, FL 32611.

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*UF Alert-Systemwide*

*Sunday, September 10th, 2017, 12:22PM*

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*UF Alert-Systemwide*

*Sunday, September 10th, 2017, 12:45PM*

The University of Florida is currently scheduled to reopen and resume normal operations on Wednesday, Sept. 13. However, due to the current forecast of Hurricane Irma, classes at UF will not be held through Wednesday. We will continue to evaluate campus and community conditions, providing any scheduling updates as needed.

After the storm passes, we will be providing more information for those who have particular hardships and challenges. As announced, the university will be closed through Tuesday, Sept. 12.

Essential personnel should report to work on Monday and Tuesday as scheduled.

Although there are no classes on Wednesday, all employees are expected to return to work Wednesday. Employees unable to return to work because of a storm-related hardship should notify their supervisor.

UF/IFAS personnel outside Gainesville should adhere to their county government guidelines on closing. Personnel in other UF programs outside of Gainesville should consult their supervisors.

Supervisors, please ensure that all employees, including OPS, are informed of this closure.

Clinical faculty and staff in the UF Health Science Center colleges and clinical practices will receive direct communication from their college and supervisors concerning their assignments for Wednesday Sept. 13.

UF Health Shands Hospital remains open; as such, all UF Health Gainesville campus parking areas — including faculty/staff and patient/visitor garages and lots on the UF Health campus and Archer Road — are reserved for use by faculty and staff who will be working during Hurricane Irma.

If students, faculty or staff are parked here and are not part of emergency response efforts, please be aware the vehicles that do not have faculty/staff parking decals will be towed.

These spaces need to be accessible to essential UF Health personnel who are working Sunday, Monday and Tuesday in response to Hurricane Irma.

Notices of any scheduling changes can be found on the UF home page or on the information line at 1-866-UF-FACTS or 1-866-833-2287.

As always, students and employees in need of immediate assistance should dial 911. Students may also contact U Matter We Care at [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu) or by calling (352) 294-CARE (2273). Employees may call the Employee Assistance Program at (352) 392-5787.

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*UF Alert-Lake Nona*

*Sunday, September 10th, 2017, 6:42PM*

Tornado Warning – Lake Nona Orlando. Move to interior area away from windows, doors, outside walls. Details <http://ufl.to/lnwx>

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*UF Alert-Shands*

*Monday, September 11th, 2017, 4:07AM*

update: IT and phone system could experience outages. Print out MARS. Cells phones and red phones could be used if possible. No specific time for outage.

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*UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Monday, September 11th, 2017, 8:09AM*

Storm winds still dangerous. Avoid travel. Many roads blocked by trees, flooded and unsafe.

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*UF Alert-Systemwide*

*Monday, September 11th, 2017, 11:07AM*

University of Florida officials continue to assess damages on campus. Local law enforcement and other first responders report most major roads are impassable across the county from downed trees, and on campus, Lake Alice has overflowed its banks flooding Mowry Road, Museum Road and Gale Lemerand Drive.

Even if the weather clears, UF faculty and staff should not come to campus for any reason unless they are essential personnel or called in by their supervisors.

Students should stay indoors, and not walk or bike around campus until UF officials deem it safe. Numerous limbs are dangling precariously from trees, and high winds will continue through the afternoon.

If you are in a safe shelter now, that's where you should stay for the time being.

All employees outside of Alachua County should follow guidance from their local public safety officials.

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*UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Monday, September 11th, 2017, 11:15AM*

Due to storm impacts, no one except essential personnel or staff called in by their supervisors should come to campus today.

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*UF Alert-Shands*

*Monday, September 11th, 2017, 11:54AM*

Team B activated for arrival at 1 PM Monday. Please check Email for instructions and details.

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*UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Monday, September 11th, 2017, 1:38PM*

Threat of damaging winds has subsided for campus. Use extreme caution outdoors. Avoid standing water. Museum Road remains closed.

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*UF Alert-Shands*

*Monday, September 11th, 2017, 6:11PM*

Command Center is now closed. Please resume normal operations.

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*UF Alert-Systemwide*

*Monday, September 11th, 2017, 7:11PM*

The University of Florida is currently planning to reopen on Wednesday, with classes resuming Thursday.

The past few days have brought devastation to several areas of our state, particularly in the Florida Keys and along the southwest coast. Some members of our university community have suffered significant loss. In Gainesville, there is widespread loss of power and some roads remain impassable due to downed trees and floodwaters.

Our Gainesville campus did not lose power, and apart from numerous downed trees, some flooding and modest damage, the campus was not affected to the extent we were expecting. UF has facilities in every Florida county and, in most cases although not all, those facilities were spared from significant damage.

Weather conditions improved significantly by the end of the day today. Considerable progress has been made in clearing Gainesville roads and much of the flooding has subsided. We expect the city's Regional Transit System bus service to be restored Tuesday with full service by Wednesday. The J. Wayne Reitz Union will open Tuesday noon to 8 p.m. and Wednesday 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The game room will be open and limited food services will be available.

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Overnight Sunday, UF housed more than 7,500 people in shelters and residence halls on campus. Those in the shelters have returned to their residences and the shelters are now closed.

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We encourage any students in need of assistance because of a hardship or anything else to contact U Matter We Care at [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu). We will do our best to assist students on a case-by-case basis.

All employees are expected to report to work at their normal time on Wednesday. We understand that some employees will have personal hardships that will prevent them from returning to work on Wednesday. We are asking all supervisors to be as flexible and understanding as possible. UF facilities outside of Gainesville should continue to follow county closing guidance.

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We also are working to identify ways to provide financial and other support to our students, staff, and faculty in need. More details will follow, including how you can help members of our community who need additional assistance as we all work to recover from the storm.

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We are grateful for all those working to help our university recover. Resuming campus operations will require personal sacrifices.

We all should be proud; that is the Gator way.

*UF Alert-Systemwide*

*Tuesday, September 12th, 2017, 11:05AM*

One day after Hurricane Irma swept through North Florida, the University of Florida is actively cleaning up campus to make way for employees and the restart of business operations on Wednesday.

Students will report back for classes on Thursday. We are asking faculty members and academic staff to be as flexible and understanding as possible to personal hardships experienced by students.

We encourage any students in need of assistance to contact U Matter We Care at [umatter@ufl.edu](mailto:umatter@ufl.edu). We will do our best to assist students on a case-by-case basis.

We are seeing a number of student services reopen including the Reitz Union at noon today with limited services. Tomorrow it will be open 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

Library West will open at 1 p.m. today and resume a 24-hour schedule. All libraries will reopen at 8 a.m. Wednesday as will the Starbucks in Library West and Marston.

The Florida Museum of Natural History will reopen at the normal time on Wednesday. RTS bus service has resumed today with limited routes. Check <http://go-rts.com/> for routes and schedules.

Check for additional facility openings at [www.ufl.edu](http://www.ufl.edu).

While parking restrictions are lifted through today, we ask that anyone who parked in restricted flat lots or garages during the storm to please relocate their vehicles before Wednesday.

All employees should inspect their workspaces and report any problems to Facilities Services at 392-1121. Employees in storm-damaged buildings should follow instructions from their supervisors regarding alternate work arrangements.

Employees unable to return to work should contact their supervisors with that information, and supervisors should communicate this information up through their chain of supervision.

Supervisors please be as flexible and understanding as possible. UF Human Resources will provide guidance to college and vice presidential areas about next steps to assist those employees.

UF Health Shands hospitals, the UF Health Shands E.R., the UF Health Shands Trauma Center, the UF Health Shands Pediatric E.R., the UF Health Shands Emergency Center – Springhill and the UF Health Emergency Center – Kanapaha remain open and hospital-based services for inpatients continue operations.

All UF Health Physicians practices and services will be fully open on Wednesday, Sept. 13. For up-to-date information on all UF Health Science Center clinical practices, please visit [UFHealth.org](http://UFHealth.org) or call 352-265-0008.

Employees working in facilities outside of Gainesville should contact their supervisors.

Stay safe everyone.

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*UF Alert-Shands*

*Wednesday, September 13th, 2017, 12:03PM*

Command center activated due to potential road closures north of Gainesville. More info via email to follow.

*Wednesday, September 13th, 2017, 4:20PM*

Command Center is closed. Leaders will continue to monitor situation. Thank you.

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*UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Wednesday, November 15th, 2017, 11:40AM*

This is a test of the Gainesville UF Alert notification system. No action is required. Learn more at <http://ufalert.ufl.edu/>.

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*UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Thursday, November 16th, 2017, 11:26AM*

The following information was reported from the Gainesville Police Department (GPD) today and is being distributed to the campus community due to the crime's close proximity to the University of Florida campus, specifically Tanglewood Apartments

A woman reported to GPD that at approximately 6:20pm, Wednesday, November 15, 2017 she was working out in the apartment gym of the Tivoli Apartment located at 2841 SW 13th Street when the suspect knocked on the door. She then let him in the facility and he grabbed her, pulling her into the bathroom. In the bathroom he physically attacked her to include punching her in the face and grabbing her throat all while trying to pull her pants off of her. The suspect then exposed himself and sexually battered the victim. A search of the area with K-9 Officers was conducted with negative results. GPD Detectives are continuing their investigation into this incident.

The suspect is described as a black male, 18-21years old, 180-210lbs and clean shaven. He was wearing a red/white/blue striped polo shirt and khaki shorts. GPD will be increasing patrols in an effort to identify/apprehend the suspect.

Anyone with information about the incident or who may know the man's identity is asked to call the Gainesville Police Department at 352.955.1818 or text keyword GPDFL plus your tip to 274637 (CRIMES). Those who wish to remain anonymous can call Crime Stoppers at 352.372.STOP (7867).

The UFPD firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF community.

If you become a victim of crime, please contact law enforcement immediately by calling 9-1-1.

Immediately report any suspicious person or activity to law enforcement.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. This is particularly true if you are wearing headphones and may not be able to hear someone near or behind you.

If someone bothers you, don't be embarrassed to attract attention to yourself. Yell!

Do not allow anyone to follow you in your residence as you enter.

If you believe you are being followed, try to find the nearest populated location to get assistance and call 9-1-1.

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### *UF Alert-Gainesville*

*Friday, November 17th, 2017, 1:43PM*

The University of Florida Police Department (UFPD) is currently investigating four reports of theft of credit cards from various office locations found throughout the University of Florida Campus. These locations include Fifield Hall, Stetson Medical Sciences Building, and the Dental Science Building. At present it is believed the suspect(s) entered into the office areas of the victims and took the credit cards from the wallet or purse of the victim which were left unsecured and unattended. The credit cards were subsequently taken off campus by the suspect(s) and used to make unauthorized purchases before the victim realized their credit card(s) were taken.

At this time there is no suspect description information available for those involved in these incidents. The investigation is however on-going and any future information will be published on the UF Public Safety social media platforms (Twitter and Facebook).

The UFPD firmly believes that crime is never the fault of the victim. These general safety tips are provided in an effort to assist members of the UF community.

Always secure doors to offices and labs when no one is inside. This is especially true after normal business hours, on weekends, and during holiday breaks. Even if one is out for a short period of time, secure all office space if ever left unattended.

Make sure that all lab/office staff carries their keys with them when leaving the area.

Secure valuables, purses, wallets, cell phones, etc. in locked cabinets and/or drawers within labs and offices.

Report suspicious activities or individuals immediately to law enforcement by calling 9-1-1 or for non-emergencies contact UFPD Dispatch at 352-392-1111. If you see something, say something.

Always be alert and aware of your surroundings. If you see someone unfamiliar in your area, ask them if you can assist them and verify credentials if required and not seen. If you don't feel comfortable approaching them, and they are acting suspicious, please contact UFPD at 352-392-1111 immediately.

If you become aware that you have become a victim of any identity theft, theft, or suspicious activity, please contact your local law enforcement immediately. If you are on campus, call UFPD at 352-392-1111.

If you believe you were the victim of Identity Theft, please visit [IdentityTheft.gov](http://IdentityTheft.gov) for information on what to do next and your rights as a victim of identity theft.

Review the available credit card theft/fraud prevention and monitoring features you may have and ensure you have signed up for those features .

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