

# Campus Alert System

## Announcement from Mark Lee, Executive Dean

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Dear UC Faculty, Staff, and Students,

As Dean, one of my foremost responsibilities is the safety of our campus. I am therefore writing to apprise you of steps we are taking to implement the new emergency notification system. This service enables rapid emergency communications to the entire campus community via a variety of technologies, including text messaging, email and voice mail. For the system to be effective requires the active participation of every member of our UC community.

If you followed the news of the tragedy at Northern Illinois University, you know that their campus' emergency notification system functioned to provide the entire campus community with updates every 15 minutes. UC, too, has that capacity for notification, but it will work only if all members of our campus community have joined the system.

I have therefore asked our emergency planners to develop an approach that will assure that every student, staff, and faculty member is offered this service. You simply visit the following web site, log in, and make a decision about participating in UC's emergency notification system by adding your emergency contact information. All students, staff and faculty will have a minimum of their campus email address in this database. I encourage you to take a moment to add your other contact information, and do so now: <http://www.Everbridgeonline.net/> .

Over the course of the coming months, we will be testing the system. We will do this incrementally, with adequate notice to assure that we do not inadvertently cause alarm. More details of that testing will be provided in the near future.

No system of communication is guaranteed to reach every individual under every set of circumstances, so we will continue to assess our communication strategies over time and augment our capabilities as we believe it would benefit the campus. In addition, we continue to implement other safety measures, as described below.

I thank you for taking a moment to sign up for the best system currently at our disposal.

Sincerely,



Mark Lee  
Executive Dean