

[HR-DDD] A Message for Supervisors as the Campus Launches Emergency Text Messaging

This semester, as part of the university's effort to improve emergency communications, the campus is launching an emergency text-messaging service for students, faculty and staff. Details about the Campus Alerts program will be shared broadly tomorrow, April 8, including how to subscribe to these cell-phone messages.

I am writing in advance of the official launch to help maximize participation among all groups on campus. To subscribe, an OIT or SPIRE account is required. While most people on campus have such accounts, special arrangements have been made for employees who typically do not use computers at work. Employees currently without an OIT or SPIRE account can subscribe to Campus Alerts by visiting the OIT Help Desk (Room 109A , Lederle Graduate Research Center) or the Learning Commons Service Desk in the W.E.B. Du Bois Library.

When our subscription campaign officially begins tomorrow, it will include broadcast e-mails and a special Web site, www.umass.edu/campusalerts, which will provide all the program details.

Thank you for your help with this new initiative.

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