



University of Pikeville
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Emergency Notification Service

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Purpose

This policy outlines the emergency communication methods used by the University of Pikeville – Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM) to communicate with students, faculty, and staff at all teaching and training locations. The mass notification system used by the university quickly communicates with subscribed users in the event of an emergency, campus lockdown or inclement weather.

Policy Statement

In an effort to keep students, faculty, and staff informed in the event of an emergency, campus lockdown or inclement weather announcements, University of Pikeville – Kentucky College of Osteopathic Medicine (KYCOM) uses an emergency notification system, “BearAlert.” In the event of an emergency, a message is sent to all faculty, staff, and students via BearAlert, notifying them of the emergency, next steps, and location of additional information.

BearAlert is equipped with several communication methods, but the primary and most effective method of communication is via smartphone devices. By installing the app, users receive push notifications immediately when an alert is activated. In addition, the Office of Public Safety utilizes campus beacons that produce a loud, audible notification, with an LED display for instructions. Furthermore, all university owned computers have software installed that allows the screen receive notifications if a BearAlert has been issued.

In order to receive push notifications via cellular device, registration is required as outlined at: <https://www.upike.edu/undergraduate/student-affairs/public-safety/bearalert/>



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