

Emergency Alert System

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In case of campus emergency, call Security at 8888
and if warranted, call Cedar Rapids Police at 9-911.

Coe College



Red Alert (immediate or imminent danger) — a situation where Coe students, faculty and/or staff are in immediate or imminent danger. A life-threatening situation exists.

Examples: a gunman on campus; a bomb threat has been made targeting the campus; hazardous material (such as a chemical leak or nuclear radiation) threatens the campus.

Notification methods:

- 1) “Red Alert” in subject line from EMERGENCY@COE.EDU e-mail account.
- 2) “Red Alert” in cell phone text message, followed by details.

For additional information as the crisis unfolds:

- 3) “Red Alert” message posted on home page of www.coe.edu or at www.coecollege1851.org

Yellow Alert (caution warranted) — a situation where Coe students, faculty and/or staff are in potential danger and caution is warranted. If the reason for concern develops further or materializes, it could become a life-threatening situation.

Examples: a dangerous criminal is believed to be in the vicinity of campus; an industrial chemical spill or leak at a nearby factory is being monitored; a 48-hour evacuation of campus has been ordered due to pandemic flu.

Notification methods:

- 1) “Yellow Alert” in subject line from EMERGENCY@COE.EDU e-mail account.
- 2) “Yellow Alert” in cell phone text message, followed by details.
- 3) “Yellow Alert” message posted on home page of www.coe.edu or at www.coecollege1851.org

Security Bulletin (notification) — a security situation where Coe students, faculty and/or staff would benefit from general information regarding a security concern.

Examples: notification of car break-ins; a crime has occurred near campus, but the police believe it poses no danger to the Coe community; a dignitary is coming to campus and special security measures will be in place.

Notification method:

- 1) “Security Bulletin” in subject line from CAMPUS SECURITY@COE.EDU e-mail account.

Coe Update (latest information) — provided to communicate the latest information concerning the emergency situation as it unfolds.

Examples: an announcement of when students can return to campus following an evacuation; information on when power will be restored to campus.

Notification methods (one or more of the following):

- 1) “Coe Update” in subject line from EMERGENCY@COE.EDU e-mail account.
- 2) “Coe Update” in cell phone text message, followed by details
- 3) “Coe Update” message posted on home page of www.coe.edu or at www.coecollege1851.org

In case of emergency, please check your Coe e-mail account where detailed official information and instructions will be provided from the EMERGENCY@COE.EDU e-mail address. In the case of an extended emergency or evacuation from campus, official information and instructions will be provided via the EMERGENCY@COE.EDU e-mail address and the Coe website at www.coe.edu. If the college’s e-mail system and/or website are not operational, please refer to the text messages you will receive from Coe and go to www.coecollege1851.org for official information.

The Coe Emergency Alert System will be tested the first Wednesday of each month at 8:45 a.m. from September through April, in conjunction with the testing of the Linn County Civil Defense sirens. At these times, you will receive test messages stating “Coe Emergency Alert System test” from EMERGENCY@COE.EDU e-mail address and through cell phone text messaging.