



To the Anteater community:

Recent fires in Los Angeles County highlighted how quickly emergencies can escalate, forcing institutions like UCLA to consider evacuating their campus. While we hope UCI never faces a similar situation, it's essential that we all take [proactive measures](#) to be prepared in case of an emergency.

Here's what you can do to ensure you are ready to respond:

Know [UCI's Emergency Response Procedures](#)

- [Evacuation Procedures](#): Familiarize yourself with the evacuation routes and assembly areas for the buildings you frequent.
- [Shelter-in-Place Protocols](#): Know when and how to shelter in place during incidents like hazardous material spills or air quality emergencies.
- [Communication](#): Make sure your contact information is up to date to receive **zotALERTs**, UCI's emergency notification system.

You can review detailed procedures and resources at em.uci.edu.

Your Responsibility for [Personal Preparedness](#)

Preparedness is a shared responsibility. Here are some steps you can take to ensure you're ready for any emergency:

- [Build an Emergency Kit](#): Keep essential items like water, non-perishable food, medications, and personal documents ready in case you need to evacuate.
- [Create a Personal Evacuation Plan](#): Identify multiple routes and know where you would go if you had to leave campus quickly.
- **Stay Informed**: Bookmark em.uci.edu and review the UCI Emergency Management emergency procedures. The [California Environmental Protection Agency \(CalEPA\)](#) and the [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#) have information and resources on how to protect your health during wildfires.

By taking these steps now, you'll help protect yourself and the UCI community if an emergency occurs. You can find additional resources by visiting the [Disaster Relief and Recovery page](#). Thank you for doing your part to keep our campus safe.

Stay prepared and stay safe!

Sincerely,

Randy Styner

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