

# Hurricane Alert Procedures

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The National Hurricane Center warns that some part of Florida typically is threatened by a hurricane or tropical storm each year and provides information about hurricanes and other severe weather on its website at <http://www.nhc.noaa.gov>. During any threatening weather, the College monitors this site and notifies others as necessary.

When a serious storm or hurricane threatens our region, the College may decide to cancel classes or close campuses and we will send out an announcement on **Valencia Alert**, place information on the College's website [www.valenciacollege.edu](http://www.valenciacollege.edu) and disseminate details to local TV and radio outlets. If this website is not accessible, please visit our emergency information website at <http://valenciacollege.info>. If you have not already signed up for **Valencia Alert**, please do so by visiting <https://atlas.valenciacollege.edu> to sign up: After signing in to Atlas, look for the emergency alerts channel in the My Atlas tab.

We will strive to provide adequate warning to all students, faculty and staff if a serious situation arises. As in the past, we will use the West Campus Security Office as our Emergency Operations Center to coordinate mission critical services. We encourage everyone to be prepared to protect yourself and your loved ones. Below are some links you may find useful:

## County Links:

- Orange County  
[www.orangecountyfl.net](http://www.orangecountyfl.net)
- Seminole County  
[www.seminolecountyfl.gov/dps/em](http://www.seminolecountyfl.gov/dps/em)
- Osceola County  
[www.osceola.org](http://www.osceola.org)
- Lake County  
[www.lakegovernment.com](http://www.lakegovernment.com)

## National Links:

- National Hurricane Center  
[www.noaa.gov](http://www.noaa.gov)
- Department of Homeland Security  
[www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)