Frequently Asked Questions

**Is zotAlert the only communication with UCI students in case of a campus emergency?**
Once implemented, zotAlert will be one of 20 different communication methods used by UCI in case of a campus emergency. Communications include email, voice mail, cable TV, campus radio station, websites, smart classrooms, portable public address, zone crews and campus electronic message boards.

**Is participation in zotAlert mandatory?**
No.

**What measures are in place to ensure this information will not be used other purposes?**
zotAlert will only be used in the event of an emergency such as a natural disaster, crisis response or securing the campus. All student cell phone information will be treated as private and will not be listed in any public directory. The University Registrar is responsible for managing this information, which is protected by federal and state law. To learn more visit [http://www.reg.uci.edu/facnet/student_records.html](http://www.reg.uci.edu/facnet/student_records.html)

**Will cell phone numbers be listed in the campus electronic directory?**
No.

**Can parents or family members of UCI students sign up for zotAlert?**
zotAlert is an immediate notification tool for UCI students, staff and faculty who are on or near campus. Through web and news outlets UCI will be providing information and updates in the event of an emergency. However, the most effective communication method is for you and your family members to have a personal communication plan. UCI Environmental Health and Safety website has tools expressly for this purpose. To learn about campus emergency communications and planning, and to find resources for you and your family please visit [http://www.ehs.uci.edu/students.html](http://www.ehs.uci.edu/students.html)

**What are UCI’s emergency planning measures?**
UCI takes an all-hazards approach to emergency management, following Federal and State guidelines and best practices from colleges and universities nation-wide. The UCI Emergency Management Advisory Committee provides direction to the campus Emergency Management Coordinator who works with all areas of the campus including the UCI Police Department, Environmental Health and Safety and the Chancellor's administrative team to ensure a coordinated response to all campus emergencies. This also includes participating in mutual aid with the local area fire, police and safety personnel. Please visit [http://www.ehs.uci.edu/](http://www.ehs.uci.edu/) to become familiar with the wide-ranging scope of UCI's planning efforts.

**When is the zotAlert test?**
UCI has a tentative date of May 18, 2007 to run a text test. Additional text tests may be sent as the system is fine-tuned and to ensure reliability there will be future periodic tests.