Emergency communication system to be tested
10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022

Washington University in St. Louis (WashU) will test its emergency communication system at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, September 20th, 2022. These tests ensure WashU can effectively communicate with the community in an emergency. The test will take place unless there is the potential for severe weather that day or some other emergency is occurring at that time.

During the test, WashUAAlerts will send emails to @wustl.edu addresses, voice calls to campus phones and cell phones, and text messages to cell phones. Emails will come from WashUAAlerts@wustl.edu and voice calls/text messages from (314) 935-9000.

The Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 drill will include testing of WashU’s yellow Alertus beacons, which are located in various large gathering spaces, common areas and classrooms. University computers with the proper software, indoor address systems, Voice over Fire Alarm systems, cable TV overrides (Danforth Campus only), the WUSTL app, the WashU Safe app and the RSS feed to the emergency website will also be tested.

WashU students, faculty and staff are strongly encouraged to enter or update their contact information via Workday and WebSTAC/SIS. The university uses the information in Workday and WebSTAC/SIS to contact individuals when necessary in an emergency. WashU community members who have more than one cell phone or pager number are encouraged to log in and include all numbers in their Workday or WebSTAC/SIS profile.

If you wish to opt out of certain personal methods of communications, such as personal cell phone or home phone, you can go to emergency.wustl.edu/tools-resources/washu-alert-system/. Please note that some contact methods cannot be removed. Additional information about the WashUAAlert system is also included on the site.

WashU students, faculty and staff also are encouraged to visit emergency.wustl.edu and learn more about how to prepare for and respond to severe weather and other emergencies.

If you have questions about the Tuesday, September 20th, 2022 drill, email Emergency Management at WashUReady@wustl.edu