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1 message

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Mon, Oct 16, 2023 at 10:00 AM

The University of Maine will conduct its annual emergency communications system test at 1 p.m. on Thursday, Oct. 19. The outdoor sirens will sound for several minutes. They are audible throughout campus and, under certain conditions, in surrounding communities.

The sirens are part of UMaine's multifaceted emergency communications system established in 2007 that allows university safety and communications professionals to use several mechanisms to quickly communicate vital information to the community during emergency situations.

When UMaine's emergency communication system is activated, several notifications occur: A text message is sent to subscribers of UMaine's [umaine.alerts](#) system; UMaine Police Department sounds the sirens; information is posted on the university's homepage and social media, and the UMaine portal; and a recorded telephone message may be heard by dialing [207.581.INFO](tel:207.581.INFO).

With the start of the academic year, members of the University of Maine community are strongly encouraged to register to receive UMaine's emergency notifications. The emergency notification service alerts the UMaine community to public safety issues, including inclement weather conditions that result in class cancellations.

Those registered for UMaine alerts will receive a message about the emergency notification system on Oct. 19, as well as on the 15th of every month. The upcoming Oct. 19 test will serve as our mid-month test. To register for texts and/or email alerts, visit umaine.edu/emergency.