• **STAY INFORMED** before, during and after a hurricane (see box at right).
• Review/update your UTMB Alerts contact information **NOW**.
• Plan **NOW** for a place to go if you should be told to evacuate Galveston. Choose a location that will be safe from storm surge.
• Share your plan with family and loved ones **NOW**.
• Think **NOW** about what you’ll need to take with you during an evacuation so you can pack quickly. Items include your UTMB Student ID (may be required to re-enter Galveston), laptops, PC’s, textbooks, class notes, insurance documents, other important papers, needed medications, irreplaceable valuables, etc. *(For more information, visit [www.utmb.edu/emergency_plan](http://www.utmb.edu/emergency_plan)).*
• Plan how you will secure your residence before leaving the island.
• If an official Mandatory Evacuation Order is issued, **LEAVE GALVESTON IMMEDIATELY. DO NOT STAY ON THE ISLAND.**
• Plan for heavy traffic during an evacuation.
  – If you have a car, make sure it is in good working order and has plenty of gas.
  – If you don’t have a car, make a transportation plan **NOW**—before a storm enters the Gulf.
• If you have pets, take them and any necessary supplies with you when you evacuate.
• **COMMUNICATE** with your family and loved ones once you are told to evacuate Galveston. Contact them again as soon as you arrive at your destination.
• After the storm passes, **DO NOT** return to Galveston unless you are officially instructed to do so via official UTMB communications *(see box at right)*. You most likely will not be allowed on the island before you are officially notified to return to campus.

**UTMB Alerts**
[www.utmb.edu/emergency_plan/utmbAlerts](http://www.utmb.edu/emergency_plan/utmbAlerts)

UTMB employees and students are automatically enrolled in the UTMB Alerts notification system, using basic directory information such as UTMB email and phone number. You can add more contact numbers/email addresses where you can be reached and you can change the order in which the system attempts to contact you. To edit your preferences, log in to your “Edit Information” screen on the Online Directory web site and click the red “Emergency Alert Contacts” link.*

**Recommended UTMB Alerts Priority Settings**

1. SMS (text)
2. Mobile phone (business or personal)
3. Business phone (direct line preferred)
4. Business email
5. Personal email
6. Home phone

* Coming soon: Ability to update UTMB Alerts information in MyStar.