

Institutional Handbook of Operating Procedures Policy 07.01.08	
Section: Student Policies	Responsible Vice President: Executive Vice President and Provost
Subject: Student Services and Activities	Responsible Entity: Council of Deans

I. Title

Student Release During Adverse Environmental Conditions

II. Policy

During adverse environmental conditions, the safety of students is one of UTMB's primary concerns. Accordingly, UTMB classes will be suspended and students in all schools released in accordance with decisions made by executive leadership.

Students attending classes or participating in clinical rotations at non-UTMB facilities should monitor and heed any warnings or notices issued by such facilities during adverse environmental conditions.

Students should not expect to use UTMB facilities as a shelter for themselves or their dependents during an emergency.

III. Procedure

A. Notice to Students

An official announcement of class dismissal will be made by the Office of the Provost (or its designee) once the decision to implement this policy and suspend classes has been made.

The safe release of students will be coordinated with the Institutional Emergency Preparedness Officer (IEPO).

Although students are not officially dismissed until this announcement has been issued, students should always use their best judgment in responding to adverse environmental concerns and determining whether it is safe, in their particular situation, to travel or attend class.

B. Monitoring Emergency Status

The Office of Marketing and Communications will provide regular institutional and weather condition updates and information by the following methods:

1. UTMB Hotline at (409) 77-ALERT (772-5378) or toll free at (888) 772-5449;
2. UTMB Alert website <http://www.utmb.edu/alert>;
3. UTMB main home page at <http://www.utmb.edu>;
4. A backup website (activated if primary web sites fail) at <http://utmbinfo.com>.; or
5. UTMB Safe App in either Microsoft or Apple App Stores.

Students are also encouraged to register for UTMB Alerts, UTMB's automated, multi-venue emergency notification system. Additional details regarding how to register are available at http://www.utmb.edu/emergency_plan/utmbalerts/

IV. Additional References

[UTMB Emergency Operations](#)

V. Dates Approved or Amended

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VI. Contact Information

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(409) 772-1996

