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Student safety is our top priority

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**UGA Parents and Family Members,**

**The following message was shared earlier with the UGA campus community. We are forwarding it to you to ensure you are aware of the university's preparations and the resources available to discuss with your student. Please review the information below and encourage your student to stay informed through official UGA communication channels.**

*Office of Emergency Preparedness Message to Students, Faculty and Staff  
January 20, 2026*

The University of Georgia is carefully monitoring the forecast surrounding a potential winter storm this weekend, and the safety of the university community is our top priority.

The Office of Emergency Preparedness remains in close contact with local, state and federal agencies regarding potential impacts from the winter storm. While no decisions to alter operations at the Athens campus have currently been made, our office is coordinating with other UGA units to help ensure the safety of our campus. Additional updates to the campus community will be made as warranted.

Any decision to alter operations at extended campuses will be made and communicated by those campus administrators to the appropriate students, faculty and staff. [University Housing](#) has and will continue to communicate directly with residents. If your student is involved with any event scheduled on campus, make sure they contact those departments for decisions and information on those plans.

As a reminder, any announcements regarding UGA's response, including schedule changes, cancellations and campus closures, will be made through official UGA channels, including ArchNews, [emergency.uga.edu](https://emergency.uga.edu) and UGA's X ([@universityofga](https://twitter.com/universityofga)).

Additional resources to help keep students safe in inclement weather:

- Monitor weather updates at <https://www.weather.gov/ffc>
- Review winter weather preparedness tips at <https://gema.georgia.gov/winter>
- Verify your UGA Alert contact information to ensure your ability to receive emergency messages at [ugaalert.uga.edu](https://ugaalert.uga.edu)
- Review individual preparedness information at [prepare.uga.edu](https://prepare.uga.edu)
- Keep your cell phone charged
- Download the UGA Safe app, the official safety app for UGA, at [prepare.uga.edu/uga-safe](https://prepare.uga.edu/uga-safe)

Please continue to follow UGA's social media accounts, encourage your students to check their UGA email regularly and monitor [emergency.uga.edu](https://emergency.uga.edu) for updates.



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