Dear Pitt-Johnstown students, faculty and staff:

Now that we are fully into the swing of a new academic year, I want to share several updates to both new and returning members of our university community.

Our top priority is the safety and security of every member of our Pitt community, and we all must actively participate in making our campus a safe environment. I encourage you to familiarize yourself with the safety resources that are available to you by reviewing [“For Safety’s Sake,”](https://www.johnstown.pitt.edu/security-fire-safety-report) our annual security and fire safety report for the Johnstown campus. The report also contains crime and fire statistics for the three previous calendar years. You can obtain a paper copy by calling us at 814-269-7005.

Pitt’s safety teams — the University of Pittsburgh Police Department, Environmental Health and Safety, Integrated Security, and Emergency Management — are responsible for helping to keep you and our community safe. They participate in hundreds of hours of training and meet regularly with University members to learn about the community’s concerns, help prepare and plan for emergencies, and to gain a greater understanding of the needs of those whom we serve. These teams can be reached in an emergency by calling **814-269-7005**. Please place this number in your contacts.

All Pitt students, staff, and faculty should take advantage of the following resources to ensure safety on our campus:

1. **Download Rave Guardian.** The app provides safety features, including different options for contacting the Pitt Police and the ability to set a safety timer with friends. Download the app through the [Pitt App Center](https://universitycommunications-marketing.cmail20.com/t/j-l-vdrtuud-jittujhdly-k/), the [Apple App Store](https://universitycommunications-marketing.cmail20.com/t/j-l-vdrtuud-jittujhdly-u/), or [Google Play](https://universitycommunications-marketing.cmail20.com/t/j-l-vdrtuud-jittujhdly-o/).
2. **Read up on the different types of emergency alerts and check your notification preferences.** We send out [two types of alerts](https://www.emergency.pitt.edu/resources/emergency-notifications-and-crime-alerts):
   1. [**Emergency Notification Service (ENS) alerts**](https://www.police.pitt.edu/services/emergency-notification) provide timely, actionable information during an emergency or a dangerous situation involving an immediate threat to the health or safety of students or employees. ENS alerts are sent promptly unless, in the professional judgment of responsible authorities, the alerts would compromise efforts to assist victims or contain, respond to or otherwise mitigate the emergency.  
        
      Pitt students and employees automatically receive ENS alerts at their @pitt.edu address. Students automatically receive alerts via SMS message on their mobile devices using the phone number on record with the University.

Faculty and staff may opt in to receive texts or voice messages. Students can also opt in to receive voice messages, add additional mobile devices to receive texts and voice messages and/or opt out of text messages.

* 1. [**Crime alerts**](https://www.emergency.pitt.edu/updates/about-campus-crime-alerts) are sent in accordance with the Clery Act and at the discretion of safety officials. They are more for awareness of ongoing situations than those requiring immediate action. Crime alerts [are posted online](https://www.police.pitt.edu/crime-alerts) and sent by email and/or text message to those who opt in.
  2. Additionally, we encourage you to follow our social media account [on X](https://x.com/pittpolicej) for general non-emergency communications.

1. **Learn active killer response skills.** While this is a tremendously difficult topic to think about, we want you to feel prepared if the worst should happen. Pitt Police officers have an [active killer response video](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e8B4GyHSvGg) and [resources online](https://www.safety.pitt.edu/emergency/emergency-resources/active-killer-situation) and offer training to students, faculty and staff upon request. Please contact [Police-ActiveShooterInstructors@pitt.edu](mailto:Police-ActiveShooterInstructors@pitt.edu) to schedule a virtual one-hour class via Zoom or a four-hour in-person class.
2. **Watch our video series.** In two minutes or less, our videos address commonly asked questions, like what [“lockdown”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UMkBClp0wx8) and [“shelter in place”](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cJqV56aczaE) mean, how to use classroom [panic buttons](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uY6DW1EnouM) and when to [evacuate](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ochkCekUaRs) your building.

Help us keep our Pitt-Johnstown campus environment safe by familiarizing yourself with and taking advantage of the numerous resources Public Safety and Emergency Management has to offer. Our team looks forward to seeing you on campus, and we all wish you a successful fall term!

Here’s to a great year, Mountain Cats,

Daniel Dunn

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