

Emergency Notification And Class Dismissal

Bevill State has an emergency communications system called the **Bear Alert**. The system allows students, faculty, and staff to receive time-sensitive emergency messages in the form of e-mail, voice and text messages. Bear Alert is a mass notification system that supplements existing means of emergency communication, including outdoor warning sirens and severe weather alert radios.

In the event of an emergency, **Bear Alert** will send messages to all Bevill State e-mail addresses. In addition, all Bevill State faculty and staff who have a valid ID are automatically signed up to receive text and voice message emergency alerts. These records are updated each semester. Students will receive initial information through their Bevill State Student Email accounts, but can later configure their settings to receive notifications through several methods including voicemail, e-mail, and text messages. Students may login to the Bear Alert Systems at www.myschoolcast.com/go/BSCC/ at any time and edit their account so that they receive emergency notifications. The information supplied is considered confidential and will not be shared or used for other purposes. Participants will only be contacted through the system in the event of an emergency.

Bevill State strongly recommends that you provide at least one phone number (cell phone is recommended) for **Bear Alert** to ensure that you receive important messages in a timely manner. Any contact information you provide will only be used for emergency notifications. Additional information about the Bear Alert system is available at <http://www.bscc.edu/students/current-students/bear-alert>.

In the event that Bevill State must close at any time other than on those dates that are designated in the College calendar, the administration will notify students and the general public by means of radio, television, e-mail accounts (when available), social media, and Bear Alert provided to all currently enrolled students. Official closings will be announced via the College's Social Media outlets as well as on local TV stations.

During inclement weather each student is expected to decide whether it is safe to travel to the College.