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To the Anteater community,

A big earthquake can happen at any time. The **Great ShakeOut Drill** will help us prepare to ride it out and stay safe.

A campuswide zotALERT text, classroom beacon, and desktop notification will be sent on **Thursday, October 15 at 10:45 a.m.** reminding everyone to participate in the earthquake drill. Wherever you are, Drop, Cover, and Hold On when you receive the alert. **This is not an evacuation drill—do not leave your building during the ShakeOut.**



- **DROP** to the ground (before the earthquake knocks you down).
- Take **COVER** under a sturdy desk, table, or other furniture. If that is not possible, seek cover against an interior wall and protect your head and neck with your arms. Avoid danger spots near windows, hanging objects, mirrors, or tall furniture.
- **HOLD ON** to your shelter and be prepared to move with it until the shaking stops. If you don't have any shelter, cover your head and neck with both arms and hands.

To ensure you receive emergency text notifications, please verify that your contact information, including your current mobile number, is up to date:

- **Faculty and staff:** Verify your mobile number in [UCPath](#).
- **Students:** Verify your mobile number in [StudentAccess](#).

In addition to the zotALERT test message, UC Irvine will also be testing several other emergency communication methods to include [ZotRadio AM 1690](#), emergency traffic light beacons, and an outdoor loudspeaker system. Traffic light beacons at campus intersections will flash to indicate that the test is in progress and an audible test message may be heard in areas around campus. **This is only a test, and no further action is required.**

Other preparedness resources:

- [Earthquake preparedness information and resources](#)
- [Personal preparedness information and resources](#)

Thank you for your participation in The Great ShakeOut!

Sincerely,

Vanessa Flores

Director

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