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## Disruptive Event Policy

In the situation where a disruptive event (severe weather, natural disaster, global pandemic, political unrest, etc.) affects one or more of the MCG campuses or facilities, the school will follow all guidance from federal, state, and local authorities. In addition, MCG will follow all guidance from the University System of Georgia and Augusta University as well as guidance from our partnership universities for students on the partnership campuses. In the absence of guidance from any of the above entities, MCG will always act to insure the safety of our students, staff, and faculty while continuing the education process on the affected campus/es with as little disruption as is safely possible. Students on campuses not affected by the situation, may be able to continue uninterupeted.

Because MCG is a medical school and many staff and faculty have clinical responsibilities, these staff and faculty may be considered essential personnel and required to continue working during such an event. Under *most circumstances* in an event like this, students should not be considered essential personnel and required to work. Where safely possible, students may, however, volunteer to assist in roles appropriate for their level of training in a similar fashion to that of the general public.

Normal lines of communication are often disrupted during such an event and while MCG administration will make every attempt to communicate with students as soon as possible, communication may be delayed. In the event that students do not receive because of a disruption in communication, students should consider that it is unsafe to report to the classroom/hospital/clinic and should shelter in place at a safe location until communication is reestablished.