

The Colorado Department of Public Safety, Colorado Division of Homeland Security & Emergency Management, Colorado Information Analysis Center(CIAC) and the Colorado School Safety Resource Center are proud to announce the launch of the new <u>CIAC website</u>.

School personnel are invited to join as a CIAC Partner at this website and get the latest information on school emergencies, closures and safety information, as made available via open source or other confirmed source.

All schools in Colorado from the largest university to the smallest early childcare center, may in some cases face the same emergency or threat. During these types of incidents, the State may be able to provide situational awareness to schools across a broad swath of Colorado, supporting the messaging of local and county law enforcement agencies. In all cases the CIAC will simply be providing this messaging in an attempt to reach all stakeholders who have registered under the "School Personnel Registration" on the CIAC Site, not necessarily to direct response actions or supplant directions of local emergency responders. Schools may be advised of an event as a state group or as smaller regional groups based on proximity to the given event.

Why you should sign up to join the CIAC Website?

What's the value?

When emergency incidents happen in Colorado communities' schools are notified by their local dispatch or incident messaging system. This new website, hosted by the CIAC looks to eliminate any information void by unifying, standardizing and distributing multi-jurisdictional emergency information to all Colorado schools.

What actions should I take when receiving a message thru this system?

Messages from the CIAC will be disseminated in an effort to provide situational awareness to the given emergency. Actions taken by a given school will be dependent on directions given by local law enforcement or emergency management agencies, proximity to the threat, school policy and procedures and ultimately the direction of the school administrator.

How will my information be used/secured?

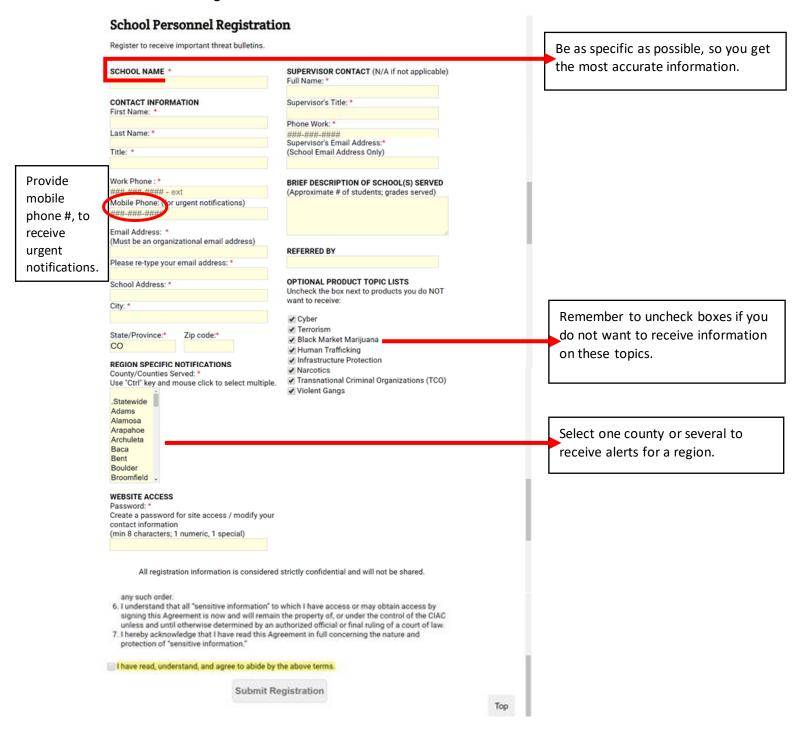
Your contact information will be uploaded into this one system only; you will never be contacted by any state agencies or vendors based on your enrollment in this state wide system. The security of your contact information is very important to us.

Instructions to get signed up for the CIAC website and emergency alerts

- 1. Click here to begin enrollment.
- 2. Select "School Personnel Registration".



3. Complete the online registration form; read, understand and agree to the CIAC Non-Disclosure Agreement and click "Submit Registration".



4. CIAC staff will verify your employment with your supervisor, you will receive a confirmation email confirming your registration and begin to receive emails and alerts.

*Schools are encouraged to have multiple staff members register for each site or district, in an effort to create redundancy in emergency situations.

Having trouble registering? Email: info@ciacco.org

Are you looking for ways to get connected with local jurisdictions for emergency notifications (on a day to day basis)?

Speak to your local dispatch center- Setup a meeting with your local dispatch center, no matter if it's a large county wide/regional center or a local police department. During this meeting, ensure that the dispatch center knows how to contact you, where you are located, what your daily population looks like, what your emergency procedures are (e.g. evacuation site). This will give them the tools necessary to contact you in the event that there is some kind of threat to the community and schools specifically. In this way your school will get the same notifications as public schools.

Speak to the local school district- Many school districts are already connected with local dispatch centers and information sharing networks. Reach out to your local districts security department or district administrators about being looped into incident messaging that they are already sending to their schools.

Speak to other schools in your area- Private, charter, and other non-public schools across the state have already figured this out. Request a meeting and determine how they tackled getting emergency notifications from your local agencies and see if you can use the same method.

Speak to your local emergency manager- Reach out to your local or county emergency manager, a list of these folks can be found <u>here</u>. Advise them of your status, location, contact information and emergency procedures. They can not only provide you with advice in these areas, but may also be able to assist you in identifying ongoing threats in the community as well as evolving threats, e.g. wildfire, flooding or police activity.

Look into county wide notification systems, e.g. Code Red- Many communities across the state use reverse 911 systems to notify homeowners or businesses of threats. In many cases these systems are tied to hardline telephones, so if you don't have a landline you won't get a call. Some counties have instituted systems like Code Red to notify citizens of emergencies. These systems are opt-in systems, in that citizens have to self-enroll. Find out if your community has such a system and get enrolled by going to county websites or by contacting your local emergency manager.