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Dear Campus Community,

There has been so much published about Hurricane Sandy and the destruction she caused, so I thought it would be good to share some important information.

Even far away disasters affect us. As a result of this storm, nearly 15,000 people have been forced into shelters and over six million are without power. American Red Cross and other local agencies are providing shelter and food to the displaced and to emergency workers. Some Orange County entities have deployed equipment and personnel to aid in clean up and restore power.

By this map, one can see the extent and seriousness of Sandy’s wrath:

The black crosses represent open shelters. Green to purple represents the areas impacted from lightest to heaviest, from things such as loss of power and/or major flooding.

Two things to point out:

1. However unlikely it seems now, California could be the recipient of a huge storm. (Click here for an artist’s rendition of the event [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8P-N-HA9IS8](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8P-N-HA9IS8)) According to the U.S. Geological Society, when the convergence of the right weather fronts meet here, Orange County could have extensive flooding and mudslides. Make sure you add Family Flood plan to your family’s emergency planning.

2. If you want to help disaster victims, please take the advice from a friend who is an international disaster worker: Just send money. Giving physical objects (such as blankets or canned good) is generous and personal, but the logistics of receiving, sorting, inspecting, packing, labeling, shipping, storing and distributing these things is difficult at best. It is far easier for relief agencies to purchase what they need in forms that they can easily distribute. To whom you give is up to you, but I would recommend an agency that is known and well established, such as the American Red Cross, a service group or a faith-based organization.

Your personal preparedness is vital to your survival and those you care about. If you have any questions, please contact me or go to: [http://prepare.fullerton.edu](http://prepare.fullerton.edu).
Be Prepared!
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