

National Intercollegiate Mutual Aid Agreement (NIMAA)



**HELPING OUR PARTNERS IN
TIMES OF NEED**



History of NIMAA

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- Numerous disasters over the past 25 years showed need/opportunity for mutual aid to change outcomes
- Many IHEs have provided and received emergency assistance in the past
- In 2012 IAEM Universities and Colleges Caucus (UCC) identified need for a mutual aid mechanism

“Neighbor Helping Neighbor”

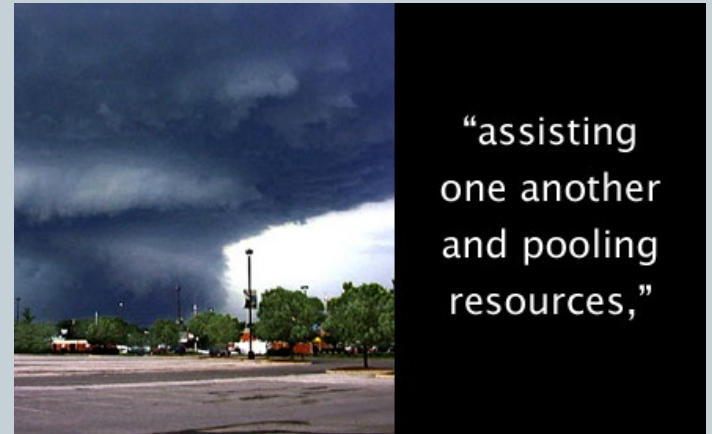




Why Mutual Aid for Higher Education?

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- Colleges and universities do not typically have the personnel and/or resources to respond effectively to large-scale crises without outside support.
- Government support may be overwhelmed by the crisis and/or not have optimal resources for a higher education environment.
- Many current mutual aid systems do not allow for participation by public and private institutions of higher education (IHE), or across them.
- Disasters also impact responders and essential employees.





Existing Mutual Aid Systems Investigated

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- **Existing Higher Ed Models** – Texas, UMass, Tennessee, Chicago Area, NC
- **Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC)**
- **Intrastate Mutual Aid** (multiple states)
- **Electric Power Industry/Edison Institute**
- **Water/Wastewater Response Network (WARN)**

No specific model met range of requirements and variety of IHEs





NIMAA Development and Review

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- **IAEM UCC Workgroup Formed** (late 2013)
- **Topic Researched Extensively & Survey Conducted** (early 2014)
- **Developed Draft Agreement** (summer/fall 2014) best practices from across the nation
- **Reviewed by:**
 - IAEM UCC Workgroup
 - Symposium Members
 - FEMA
 - General Counsel in Select Institutions
 - Dept. Homeland Security
 - Dept. of Education
- **Agreement Went “Live”** (summer 2015)





What Does the NIMAA Address?

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- **Can be Used Locally, Regionally, Nationally**
- **Scope of Service**
- **Reimbursement Procedures**
- **Liability** (insurance, worker compensation, etc.)
- **Activation & Operational Control**
- **Limitations of Participating Institutions**
- **Several Others**

**Does not prevent involvement with other agreements,
is completely voluntary, and doesn't mandate
allocation of resources**



Who Likes Tools?

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Who Can Participate in the NIMAA?

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Any Institution of Higher Education who agrees to the terms and signs the NIMAA

- Large
- Small
- Public
- Private
- Commuter
- Residential
- Research

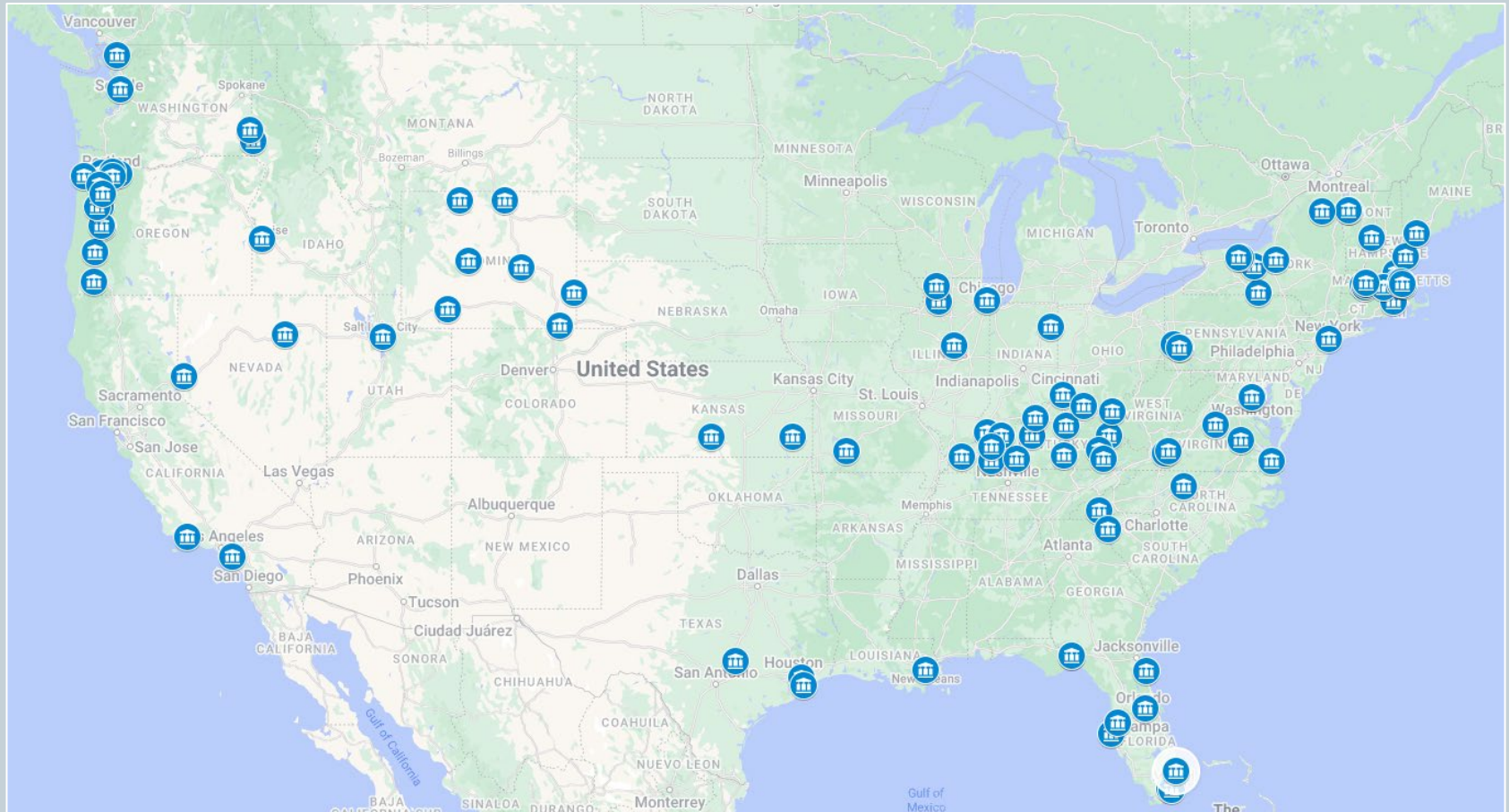


Agreement is completely voluntary!



NIMAA Signatories

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Who is Already a Member?

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- **Currently 125 signatory institutions**
 - Concentrations - 12 in FL, 7 in NY, 16 in KY, 21 in MA, 15 in OR, 7 in WY, 6 in VA
 - Represent all 10 FEMA Regions
 - Include large, small, urban, rural, residential, commuter, research, public and private institutions
 - 50+ Universities
 - 30+ Community Colleges
 - 28 Research 1 Institutions
 - 25+ State Universities
 - 15+ Div 1 FBS Schools
- **166 other IHEs who have shown interest**
 - higher interest in CA, FL, IL, MA, NC, NY, OR, TX, VA, WA



Who is Authorized to Execute?

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- **Ultimately up to the Participating Institution**
- **Recommendations for Consideration:**
 - Senior Administrators (President, Chancellor, EVP, Other VPs)
 - Chief Finance Officer/Procurement Officer
 - Chief Legal Counsel
 - Emergency Manager/Coordinator
 - Police Chief/Director Public Safety

Reminder - this is a legal instrument that carries responsibilities and commitments – check with your internal policies and procedures



Signing v. Buying In

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1. Understanding the value of NIMAA and other outside mutual aid options and resources
2. Signing
3. Developing comfort and trust in the how the process functionally works
4. Integrating NIMAA into existing plans, training, and exercises
5. **Activating tool(s) on, or in preparation for, our day of need.**



Method of Activating

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- **Direct Contact to Other Signatories (1-to-1)** (phone, email, text)
- **Broadcast Message (Email)**
Articulating specific resource / mission and identifying institution willing to assist
- **Basecamp NIMAA Guide for Online Requests**
Detailed information and specific individual items / personnel with the ability to track responses as part of the request

We really need help, can you come?



Subject: [EXTERNAL] (National Intercollegiate Mutual Aid Agreement) NIMMA Activation - Florida State University
Reply-To:

Florida State University is activating NIMAA.

Requesting resources to address COVID-19 lab resources needed on our Campus in Tallahassee.

NIMAA Activation Guide for Online Requests

This guide provides instructions for requesting assistance through the National Intercollegiate Mutual Aid Agreement (NIMAA). The guide provides instructions for requesting assistance when internet access is available.

Requesting Assistance

Instructions for campuses who are requesting assistance.

- 1) Log into Basecamp: https://3.basecamp.com/sign_in
- 2) Select IAEM UCC
- 3) Select National Intercollegiate Mutual Aid Agreement Project:

National Intercollegiate Mutual Aid...

A space for NIMAA-participating institutions to share informat...





Nature and Scale of Disaster

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- Scale of impact may dictate that you can't rely on local resources for support
- Nature of the hazard may drive you to look for institutions with similar hazard profiles and experience managing it
- Up to the institution to determine what is best resource to meet their needs and NIMAA provides flexibility to support that



What Resources are Available?

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- Personnel
- Teams
- Equipment
- Supplies



Whatever the participating institutions are willing to share and mutually agree upon!





NIMAA Activations

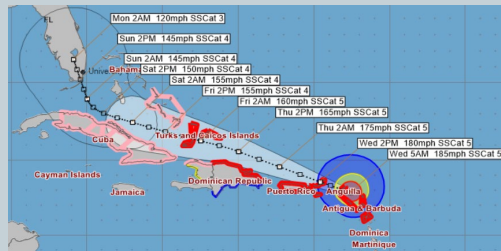
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2017 Hurricane Irma

EOC and Evacuation Center Support

Requesting Institution: University of Miami

Assisting Institutions: St. Edwards University & SUNY Binghamton

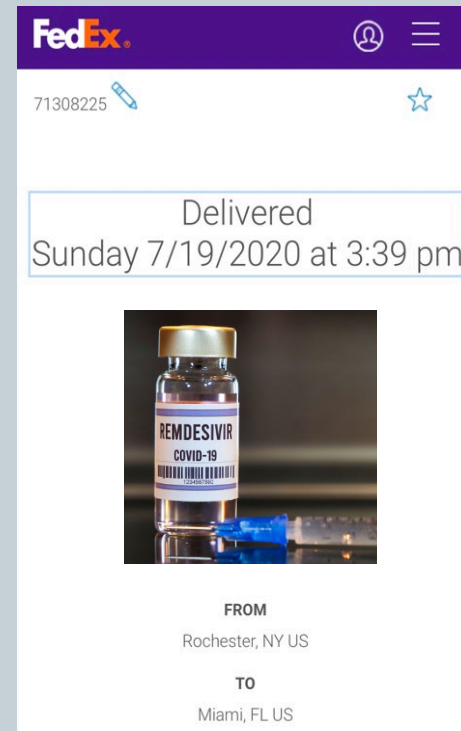


2020 COVID-19

Remdesivir Allocation

Requesting Institution: University of Miami

Assisting Institution: University of Rochester



You will never forget those that help in times of need!



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2021 Presidential Inauguration

EOC Support

Requesting Institution: George Washington Univ.

Assisting Institutions: Virginia Tech &
University of Miami

2021 Bigger Picture March and Essence Fest

Incident Command Post Support

Requesting Institution: Radford Univ.

Assisting Institution: Virginia Tech





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2022 Hurricane Ian

EOC and Technical Support

Requesting Institution: Florida Gulf Coast University

Assisting Institution: FAU, FIU, UM





Activation Documentation

FORM A			
NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT Type or print all information except signatures			
PART I			
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REQUESTING INSTITUTION			
Incident Requiring Assistance:	Presidential Inauguration		
Requesting Institution:	George Washington University		
Contact Person:	Scott Burnotes	Telephone #:	786-338-3334
Fax #:			
Staging Area Location:	801 22nd Street NW Washington, DC 20052		
Type of Assistance/Resources Needed:	(Use Part IV if more space is needed) EOC support staff. See below.		
Date & Time Resources Needed From:	01/19/21, 08:00 AM	Until:	01/21/21, 08:00 AM
Authorized Official's Name:	(Print/Type) Scott Burnotes	Title:	Vice President, Safety and Facilities
Signature:	Scott Burnotes	Date:	01/15/2021
Time:	9:10am		
PART II			
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE ASSISTING INSTITUTION			
Assisting Institution:	Virginia Tech		
Contact Person:	Michael Mulhare	Telephone #:	540-449-2179
Fax #:			
Home Base Location:	330 Sterrett Drive, Suite 148 Blacksburg, VA 24061		
Type of Assistance/Resources Available:	(Use Part V if more space is needed) Provide EOC support during incident. AVP Emergency Management - Mike Mulhare Assistant Director - Andrew Marinik Emergency Coordinators - Elvis Rosario & Chris Bolling		
Date & Time Resources Available From:	01/19/2021, 12:00pm	Until:	01/21/2021, 5:00pm
Estimated Daily Total Costs for Labor, Equipment and Materials:	\$0.00		
Estimated Roundtrip Transportation Costs - Home Base to/from Staging Area:	\$0.00		
Logistical Support (Meals/Lodging/Other) Required from Requesting Party:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes / <input type="checkbox"/> No (If yes, provide additional information in Part V)		
Authorized Official's Name:	Kevin Foust	Title:	Associate Vice President, Safety & Security
Signature:	Kevin L. Foust	Date:	01/15/2021
Time:	2:55 pm		
PART III			
TO BE COMPLETED BY THE REQUESTING INSTITUTION TO OFFICIALLY ACCEPT MUTUAL AID			
Authorized Official's Name:	Scott Burnotes	Title:	Vice President, Safety & Facilities
Signature:	Scott Burnotes	Date:	01/16/2021
Time:	6:24 pm		

FORM A - PAGE 2	
NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE MUTUAL AID AGREEMENT Type or print all information except signatures	
PART IV	
REQUESTING INSTITUTION - ADDITIONAL INFORMATION	
<p>The recent violent siege on the United States Capitol following the 2020 Presidential Election has created a state of extremely elevated concern in the Capital Region as a result of ongoing threats of additional organized violence. Intelligence supports the potential for these events impacting the the George Washington University community, facilities, and operations. In preparation for this, the Institution is taking aggressive and proactive steps to mitigate risk while planning for reasonably expected and potential major impacts as a result of future demonstrations, violence, and other illegal acts. Due diligence requires constant monitoring of the evolving security situation, intelligence gathering, and prepositioning of assets to protect GW community members and facilities in case of violence or disruption during this period.</p> <p>The Division of Safety and Facilities is activating the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to provide operational coordination, situational awareness, emergency response coordination for planned first amendment activities.</p> <p>George Washington University has requested EOC support with emergency operations and contingency planning from Virginia Tech. Members of the George Washington University Emergency Management Team will provide an overview of operations and critical areas of support that can be done by members of the Virginia Tech Office of Emergency Management. Support during the identified period will be provided to the maximum extent possible without negatively impacting the operations of Virginia Tech.</p>	

EOC Support Team for 2021 Presidential Inauguration

Requires Approval by Signatory Authority





What are the Roadblocks

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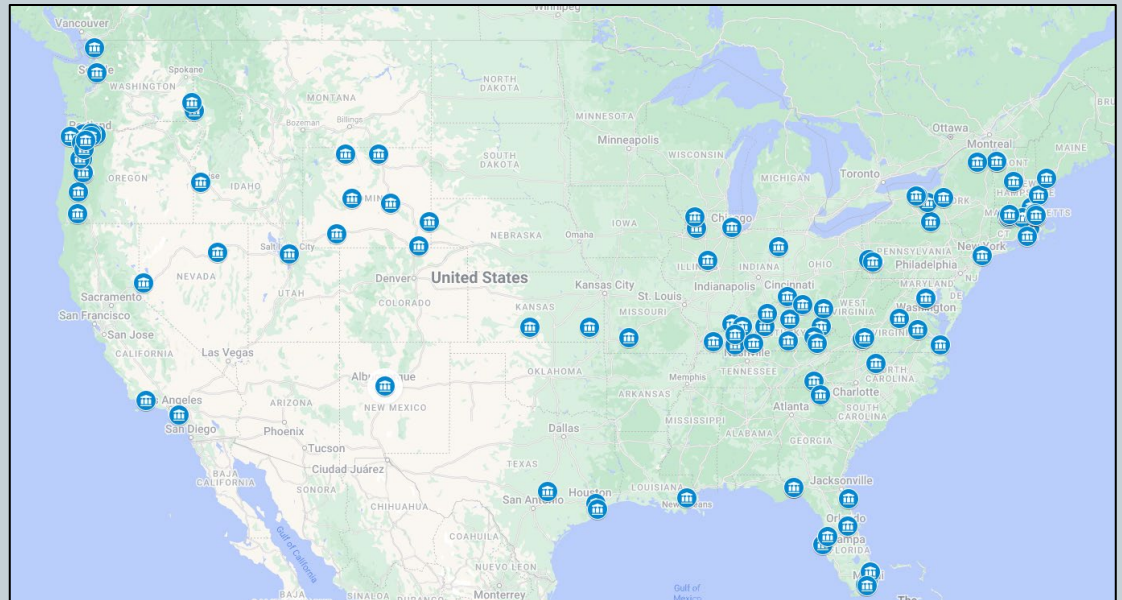
- We aren't sure if we will really need help and have never done this before
- What if the threat doesn't materialize and there isn't a need for support?
- Won't it look like we are unprepared if we need to have outside personnel come and help us?
- How will personnel/resources from the assisting institution blend into our operations?
- Internal procedures and approvals within our institution to activate



Who Owns/Manages the NIMAA?

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**The
signatory
institutions
of higher
education**





How Does My Institution Get Involved?

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- 1. Contact the NIMAA Regional Contact(s)**
- 2. Review the NIMAA with your Institution's Senior Administration and Legal Counsel**
- 3. Have appropriate party sign the Agreement and submit**



NOTE: Institution must be willing to sign onto the Agreement as is, no edits.



On Our Day of Need...

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Are we ready to ask for help?





Further Information

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Regions 1, 2 - John Tommaney, Boston College (NIMAA Immediate Past Chair) - john.tommaney@bc.edu - 617-552-4316

Region 3 - John DeSilva, University of Virginia – JD3QB@virginia.edu – 434-924-5097

Region 4 - Matt Shpiner, University of Miami (NIMAA Chair) - mshpiner@miami.edu - 305-284-8005

Regions 5, 7 – David Hall, Missouri State University – Dhall@missouristate.edu - 417-836-8444

Region 6 – Billy Atkins, St. Edward’s University– Watkins@stedwards.edu - 512-428-1369

Regions 8, 10 - Krista Dillon, University of Oregon – kristam@uoregon.edu – 541-346-3588

Regions 9 – Jason Tavarez, Westmont College – jtavarez@westmont.edu - 832-563-6152

NIMAA Senior Advisor - Troy Harris, Westmont College (retired) – troy.harris@westmont.edu - 805-565-6633

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