Academic Affairs will communicate with faculty, staff, and students regarding any disaster that disrupts normal operations of the instructional process. General guidelines about closures, access to facilities, and expectations for faculty, staff, and students will be communicated using the Pier System.

Communication between faculty and students regarding instructional activities may be facilitated using the course shell created for every lecture and seminar course/section for the current semester.

Faculty are encouraged to include information concerning a plan for Instructional Continuity in their syllabus.

Faculty who are currently using Blackboard during a semester, will continue using the current course.

Faculty not already using Blackboard will have two options to get into Blackboard Learn. Complete instructions are found at http://www.uh.edu/blackboard/new-users/:

- Go to AccessUH at https://accessuh.uh.edu/ and log in with either their CougarNet ID or their PeopleSoft ID. Then click on the Blackboard Learn icon.
- Go directly to Blackboard Learn at https://elearning.uh.edu and log in with their CougarNet ID and password.

Students will only be added to courses created for Instructional Continuity based on a communication from the University administration about moving to the emergency plan. Students will be loaded within 24 hours of the notification.

Instructions for adding material to the course and using the basic tools are found on the Instructional Continuity website: http://uh.edu/instructionalcontinuity/blackboard/instructions/index.php

To add TAs or other instructors to the course shell, go to AccessUH at https://accessuh.uh.edu/ and click on “Blackboard TA & Course Requests” or go directly to https://crs.uh.edu/ and enter your PeopleSoft ID. Click on the link at top of the page to “Add TA/Instructor”.

More information including supported browser is available at http://www.uh.edu/blackboard/.