

**Proposed Indiana University of Pennsylvania College of Osteopathic Medicine
(Proposed IUPCOM – Candidate Status – Seeking Accreditation)**

COCA Pre-Accreditation Element 4.2: Security and Public Safety
Pre-Accreditation Submission 4.2-1: Security, Safety, and Emergency and Disaster Related
Policies and Procedures on Campus and at all Clinical Sites

The proposed IUPCOM will follow the IUP policies and procedures regarding safety, security, and emergency and disaster preparedness for students, faculty, and staff on the IUP campus. For students and affiliated faculty and staff located at distant sites at which students engage in core and required clinical training rotations, those individuals will follow the safety, security, and emergency- and disaster-related preparedness policies and procedures made available by those sites, while also being in communication with the IUP campus via IUP-based communication technologies as outlined below under the heading *Security, Public Safety, and Emergency and Disaster Preparedness at Clinical Rotation Sites*.

A. Location of IUP's Security and Public Safety Policies and Procedures

Below are links to IUP security and public safety policies under which the proposed IUPCOM has responsibility for all students, faculty, and staff on IUP's Indiana campus.

<https://www.iup.edu/police/policies/index.html>

IUP Police Services can be found here: <https://www.iup.edu/police/services/index.html>

B. Location of IUP's Emergency and Disaster Preparedness Planning Resources

Below is a link to the IUP emergency and disaster preparedness guidelines under which the proposed IUPCOM has responsibility for all students, faculty, and staff on IUP's Indiana campus.

<https://www.iup.edu/emergency-management/emergencyplan/index.html>

C. Security, Public Safety, and Emergency/Disaster Preparedness at Clinical Rotation Sites

Prior to their being released to clinical rotation sites, as part of the *Clinical Colloquium I* course, students will be required to review the material provided by each clinical rotation site on safety, security, and emergency and disaster preparedness and attest to reviewing it. They will have an opportunity to ask any questions that they may have to both staff in the Office of Clinical Affairs and GME and site-based representation in the form of the COM Regional Assistant Deans. The IUPCOM Office of Clinical Affairs and Graduate Medical Education will monitor updates to site-based security policy changes and inform students of relevant changes. If specific training (e.g., an orientation containing information on safety and security) at the site is offered, students will be mandated to engage in the training.

Additionally, all COM staff who are located at a clinical training site (e.g., COM Regional Assistant Deans) will be required to abide by the safety, security, and emergency and disaster

preparedness policies of the rotation site, including engaging in any site-specific training as required, as well as training on IUP-specific security measures (e.g., Everbridge).

While on rotations, students can be contacted by IUP's Department of Public Safety for emergencies or mass notifications via the Everbridge emergency notification system. The notification system can send emails, text messages, and phone calls, and can publish alerts to desktops and digital signs on campus. Staff in IUP's Department of Public Safety send the notifications, which can be sent to individuals, groups, or all students, faculty and staff. COM leadership can, through the IUP Department of Public Safety, contact students by requesting a message be sent via the IUP Department of Public Safety.

While on rotations, the Regional Assistant Deans and Regional Clerkship Coordinators will work with each health care provision agency to ensure each rotating medical student is added to the in-house, clinical emergency alerts systems housed within the clinical affiliate site. These alerts will be posted via emails, text, phone calls, and in-house systems set up by the independent health care affiliation institutions (such as phone alert/messaging programs). Students will also work with their respective Regional Assistant Deans and Regional Clerkship Coordinators to ensure they have access to security officers/appropriate chaperone at health care facilities for escort if for any reason the student has safety concerns. These officers can escort students to their cars in parking lots or other designated safe areas if indicated for any reason involving individual student safety. Throughout, students will be asked to keep in close contact with their assigned preceptors and/or faculty to ensure all safety measures needed to be implemented are enforced throughout student clinical rotations. If at any time a student does not feel comfortable or safe on their assigned rotation, they may contact:

- Preceptor
- Regional Clerkship Director
- Regional Assistant Dean
- Associate Dean
- Director of Student Affairs
- College Dean
- University resources (included, but not limited to – IUP Student Services, Social Equity and Title IX Office, [Incidents of Concern](#), etc.)

For more information on the IUP emergency alert system, please see the following link:

<https://www.iup.edu/police/timely-crime-warnings/index.html>

For more information on the Everbridge product and its functionality, please see the following link:

<https://www.everbridge.com/use-cases/mass-notification-and-incident-communications/>

D. Safety and Security Reports

The COM's *Clery Report* will be made available on the COM's website; see ***Pre-Accreditation Submission 4.2-3*** for more information.

Additionally, the IUP Police Department publishes an Annual Security and Fire Safety report, which can be found at this link:

<https://www.iup.edu/police/about/security/index.html>

Policy/Procedure Details	
Policy Owner	IUP Security and Public Safety Associate Dean of Preclinical Affairs Associate Dean of Clinical Affairs and GME
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Related Policies and Documents	1. IUP Security and Public Safety Policies and Procedures 2. IUP Environmental Health and Safety Policy 3. IUP Accident and Illness Prevention Program Policies 4. IUP Security and Fire Safety Report Policies 5. IUP Police Policies
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