

Central Florida Weather

The following podcast is provided by the UCF Office of Emergency Management, which strives to protect the wellbeing of UCF students, faculty, staff, and guests.

Although Central Florida makes most people think about the warmth and sunshine it is also extremely susceptible to a variety of severe weather hazards including tornados and severe thunder storms. In fact Florida is widely known as the lightening capital of the world. According to the National Weather Service about 1.5 million lighting strikes occur every year in our state. July is usually the deadliest month for weather related fatalities because of frequent storms and vulnerability people enjoying outdoor activities.

Since 1950, Florida has ranked 4th in the country in the number of tornados reported and in the amount of damaged they have caused. The most tornados in Florida strike during the summer, the strongest and devastating tornados occur in the late winter and early spring when cold fronts move through the state and produce storms.

The UCF Alert communication system informs students, staff, and faculty of severe weather emergencies.

Students can update their contact information online by going to www.myucf.ucf.edu. Click on "Student Self-Service" located on the left side of the screen and scroll down to the blue crystal information heading on the center screen. Click on "UCF Alert" to update your contact information.

UCF employees can click on "Employee Self-Service" then "Personal Information" and then "UCF Alert" to update their contact information. Then, click "Apply" to save changes.