

Dear GA Coaches and Community,

We wanted to remind everyone that we have a lightning detection device called WeatherBug. There are two horn/strobe units on campus, one on the Field House, one on the building next to the tennis courts and a full weather station unit on the big gym. This system automatically detects lightning within six miles of our campus.



When there is lightning in the area, one long 15-second horn blast will sound and strobe lights from the lightning detection system will flash. When that happens, everyone must seek shelter. Students will be escorted into the nearest building by faculty/coaches and parents and guests are asked to return to their vehicles, or head to the nearest building.

There is a 30-minute waiting period following the LAST lightning detection within six miles. Once that time elapses, the system automatically sounds the all clear, which is three short five-second horn blasts. At that time, normal outdoor activities can resume.

Please note that this is an outdoor detection system. Most people who are inside campus facilities won't hear the horn blasts, besides the Field House and possibly the back side of McLean Hall. Once the system is activated, the GA security office is alerted by email and phone.

If you have any questions about this equipment or any other safety practice on campus, please contact Security, 215-803-3300