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Clinton County Residents will need to Register or Re-Register to Experience Upgrades to the New Alert Iowa Emergency Notification System

CLINTON — Upgrades to Iowa's emergency notification system called Alert Iowa are making it easier for residents of Clinton County to receive alerts about severe weather and other emergencies. However, officials want those residents who already have Alert Iowa to know they will need to register again to experience the upgrades.

Alert Iowa is a statewide emergency notification system the county uses to send alerts to residents. Improvements to the system will enable Clinton County officials to better communicate emergency information directly to citizens via voice call, text message, email and social media. The system also has the added capability to translate messages into multiple languages.

"Alert Iowa is a great tool that allows us to push official, real-time alerts to our residents," said Chance Kness, Clinton County Emergency Management Coordinator. "It is important for everyone to sign up so we have a quick way of alerting residents of an emergency. Weather alerts are optional."

Kness said it is important to note that residents who are currently signed up to receive Alert Iowa notices will need to sign up again.

There are three ways to sign up for the upgraded Alert Iowa:

- Create an account on the Clinton County web portal at <https://www.clintoncounty-ia.gov/alertiowa>
- Text ClintonIA to 672-83.
- Download the Smart911 app from the Apple or Google Play stores.

The target date for Clinton County to have the transition to the new system complete is June 30th. Both systems will operate simultaneously until that date. Watch the Clinton County EMA Facebook page for updates at <https://www.facebook.com/CCEMA>.

To learn more about Alert Iowa in Clinton County, visit <https://www.clintoncounty-ia.gov/alertiowa>. Additional information on the system is available at www.homelandsecurity.iowa.gov.

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