

**FEMA National WEA/EAS Test
October 3, 2018**

Please refer to: <https://www.fema.gov/emergency-alert-test>

Key Points:

- 1) **FEMA, in coordination with the FCC, will conduct a national test of the Wireless Emergency Alert System (WEA) and Emergency Alert System (EAS) on the alternate date of October 3, 2018 at 2:18 pm EDT (WEA) and 2:20 pm EDT (EAS).** FEMA made the decision to postpone from September 20 due to ongoing response efforts to Hurricane Florence.
- 2) As with the prior national tests of EAS, **The National Weather Service will NOT convey the test message** over NOAA Weather Radio or any other NWS dissemination pathways.
- 3) **The WEA message will be received on most cell phones around 2:18 PM on October 3,** and the WEA test message will read “THIS IS A TEST of the National Wireless Emergency Alert System. No action is needed.”
- 4) **The EAS test at 2:20 PM is scheduled to last approximately one minute and is made available to EAS participants including radio and television broadcasters, cable systems, satellite radio and television providers, and wireline video providers.** The test message will be similar to regular monthly EAS test messages with which the public is familiar.