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Announcement: Human Resources Organizational Development

Congratulations to Laurie Schellenberger, the new Director of Organization Development. This news comes with the rebranding of UIC’s Human Resources Organizational Effectiveness function. Laurie will join the UICHR management team to lead and support employee development needs and training for the entire UIC community as well as manage our special programs/events function.

For over ten years, she has been an integral part of UIC Human Resources and is well-regarded across campus for her leadership on performance management issues.

UPDATE: Unemployment Fraud

Unfortunately, there has been an increase in fraudulent attempts against unsuspecting faculty and staff. Everyone is encouraged to watch for any unusual mail from the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES) and, if necessary, take steps to protect your identity and accounts. You may be a target of identity theft if you receive communications from IDES, and you HAVE NOT filed an unemployment claim. This may include a debit card with benefits or an Unemployment Insurance (UI) Finding Letter.

Please report the suspected fraud to IDES at [IDES Reporting Unemployment Insurance Fraud](#). UIC Human Resources is contacting IDES to verify employment for all employees with active appointments.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS

All meetings will begin at 12pm through a WebEx conference call.

04/20

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07/20

COVID- 19 Testing Information

COVID-19 Saliva Testing is required for all individuals on-campus, as long as they are not displaying symptoms.

Appointments are available, but walk-ins are welcome.

You are required to test once every 14 days but can and are recommended to test once per week.

Please ensure to bring a valid I-card to testing sites and refrain from eating, drinking, tooth brushing, etc. 30 minutes before the sample is taken.

Results are made available on MyChart, as well as your UIC Daily Pass.

More information can be found [here](#), through UIC Today.

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution Plan

Starting March 22nd, the Illinois Department of Public Health (IDPH) has announced that higher education staff are eligible for vaccination, getting us one step closer to herd immunity.

All employees will receive an email invitation in the upcoming weeks where they can set up their vaccination appointments. Appointments are setup through MyChart. If you are unable to login, call 844-906-9844 for assistance.

Note that the vaccines are voluntary but highly recommended.



Vaccine FAQ

What phase are we currently in for vaccine distribution?

- Illinois is currently in phase 1B Plus, but phase 1C will begin March 29th.

Do I need a vaccine if I had COVID-19 already?

- Yes, but it is suggested you wait 90 days between the time of infection and receiving the vaccine.

Can I stop wearing a mask once I get vaccinated?

- No, the vaccine is highly effective, but not 100% effective.

For further information, please see the [IDPH website](#).

2020 State Universities Civil Service Advisory Committee Election

On Tuesday, November 10, 2020, an election was held to select one representative to the State Universities Civil Service Advisory Committee to the Merit Board.

We are proud to say that four hundred and fifty-four Civil Service employees participated in this election.

Congratulations to LaVitta (Vee) Steward on being duly elected to serve as a member of the State Universities Civil Service Advisory Committee from January 2021 - December 2024. She has been at UIC for 15 years, currently in the department of Ophthalmology and Visual Science.

