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Hello Everyone,

2020 has proven to be one painful year for our world. But as difficult as it has been I'm proud of the way our organization has responded to the trials and tribulations we have faced. We have taken important steps to protect our community and each other during the last nine months - providing much needed assistance to those hardest hit by the pandemic while continuing to conduct the people's business every day. We have all worked exceptionally hard to serve others. Now it's time to take a little time for you.



Please take some time off if you can during the holidays. I am grateful for the time I spent with my immediate family during the Thanksgiving break. I didn't know how much I needed it until I was able to unplug.

A new year will present new opportunities and challenges so we all need a little time to recharge our batteries. I'm thankful for the wonderful staff we have and I look forward to facing those challenges together.

Happy Holidays!

### **Preparing for Vaccinations**

The picture of how and when a vaccine becomes available is getting clearer every week. It's also clear that the distribution process will take time and initially focus on those most in need. So, we'll have to remain patient and continue doing the things that keep us all safe. I have attached for your information the press release that went out today from Orange County concerning its vaccination plan.



Whether we like to think of ourselves as runners or not, we're all running a marathon right now – and we need to keep going by keeping each other going. As we head into the winter holidays, I would ask each of you to consider one thing you can do to lift up and support a coworker. Maybe it's a quick call to ask how someone is doing, or an offer to pitch in and help. Whatever it is, please think about how simple acts of kindness can be part of how we hold each other up and remain strong together.

## Download the SlowCOVIDNC App



Last week we pushed out a text message and voicemail to all employees to encourage everyone to get this app. If you haven't already, please take 2 minutes to download the SlowCOVIDNC app on your phone from the Apple Store or Google Play Store. This app will notify you if you have been in close contact with someone who has shared a positive COVID-19 test result in the app.

SlowCOVIDNC protects your identity and privacy while empowering you to protect yourself, your family, and your community. Read more about the app at [covid19.ncdhhs.gov/slowcovidnc](https://covid19.ncdhhs.gov/slowcovidnc).

## Resources

- Submit employee questions and concerns to the Office of Risk Management at 919-969-5035, [rallen@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:rallen@townofchapelhill.org)
- Contact the Town's Wellness Clinic: 919-968-2796, <https://chapelhillwellnessatwork.org/>
  - Please call first
  - Please note: the Town's Wellness Clinic does not have the capability to test for coronavirus; the staff can recommend whether you should seek additional medical guidance
- Your Blue Cross and Blue Shield health plan provides video diagnosis options. Visit <https://member.carefirst.com/members/health-wellness/video-visit.page>.
- Contact the Ombuds at [ombuds@townofchapelhill.org](mailto:ombuds@townofchapelhill.org) or 919-265-0806
- If you need to talk with someone about personal problems and/or work-related problems that may impact your job performance, health, mental and emotional well-being, call 1-800-326-3864 or visit [bhsonline.com](http://bhsonline.com).



All the Best,  
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