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Hello Everyone,

As we embark on July 4th weekend, I want to take a moment to say thank you for all the hard work you have done to get us here. Yesterday marked the official start of our new fiscal year. Last week, the Town Council enacted our nearly \$111 million budget to keep our doors (albeit, mostly virtual right now) open for Fiscal Year 2020-2021.

We have been laser-focused on the work we do and as a result we may miss opportunities to acknowledge and praise each other for the jobs well done. Let's remember to celebrate our successes. We have a lot to be proud of as an organization. I am pleased to see and hear about our shared accomplishments. I urge all of us to take a breath from time to time, step back, and acknowledge the outstanding work we're doing. And to all of you, sincerely, thank you.

Celebrate July 4th Safely

"The increase in positive COVID-19 cases in North Carolina is very likely associated with increased gatherings during the Memorial Day holiday," says Orange County Health Director Quintana Stewart. "We are urging everyone to continue safe practices, especially during the holiday weekend, so we don't see an additional spike in cases in the coming weeks."

If you haven't been following the numbers closely, our state is in the midst of a sharp increase in COVID-19-positive patients. Our hospitals are seeing an increase in COVID-19 patients, as well. This is alarming, and we have to continue to do our part to help slow the spread of the virus.

Independence Day, for many, is a time with family, friends, large crowds, lots of food, and plenty of fellowship. We have to be responsible for one another this year. Please be mindful of the COVID safety tips while out and about this weekend – wash your hands, wear your mask and wait six feet apart from others. This is a critical time for our community, state and nation. And we have to remain diligent even when we relax with friends and family. We're all in this together, and we have to watch out for one another.

You can read more about how to celebrate safely this July 4th at townofchapelhill.org/Home/Components/News/News/16489.

Resources

- Submit employee questions and concerns to the Office of Risk Management at 919-969- 5035, 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 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.

Thanks for all of your hard work and be safe!

All the Best,
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