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Hello Everyone,

We've completed another month of COVID-19 response. Thanks to all of you for your outstanding efforts during these challenging times.

When COVID-19 Becomes a Reality

We have been fortunate that the Town has only had three positive cases amongst our employees. One of our employees who recently tested positive has stepped up to tell his story. I've attached a personal message from Battalion Chief David Sasser who shares details about his recent battle with COVID and the impact it's had on him and his family. The Exposure Response Team (ERT) has remained in close contact with Battalion Chief Sasser, as they do with all Town staff who are exposed, and I'm very pleased to hear that he feels the worst may be behind him. Thank you to David for sharing his story and encouraging everyone to be vigilant in this difficult time.

Employee Survey

More than 200 employees have already shared their feedback on the employee survey concerning COVID-19 and our employees' needs as we prepare for the fall. The survey remains open until Aug. 10th. Please take an opportunity to let us know how you are feeling about the Town's response and what you may need in the form of support - <https://arcg.is/04ODOu>. The survey should take between 5-10 minutes to complete.

Tropical Weather

We are closely monitoring Hurricane Isaias as it makes its way through the Caribbean and is currently tracking a path along the East Coast.

If it stays on its current path we will begin feeling the impacts early next week. The Manager's Office, along with the Emergency Management Division, will provide you with timely updates on the hurricane. If the forecast worsens, expect regular communication from the Town about how to prepare and what to expect. Otherwise, please stay tuned to local news and social media for updates.

UNC-Chapel Hill

The Town Council spent a large portion of its special (virtual) meeting this week speaking with Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost Robert Blouin and other University staff about the University's re-opening plan. The Council has since sent additional follow-up questions that they weren't able to get to Wednesday night due to time constraints. I share this to give you an opportunity to watch Wednesday night's meeting (chapelhill.granicus.com/player/clip/4208?meta_id=232155) and visit carolinatogether.unc.edu/ for answers to questions you may have about the return of students.

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.

Please continue to focus on your mental and physical wellness. Take care of yourself and your loved ones. And please remember your three Ws: wear a face covering, wait 6 feet away from people outside your household, and wash your hands regularly.

Have a restful and safe weekend!

All the Best,
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