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Hello Everyone,

As the days, weeks, and months “in COVID-19” continue to pile up, it can be hard to hear repetitive messaging and not gloss over. It is also hard not to get complacent and take these important steps for granted. That is when we get in trouble, though.

We have to find a way to endure, to continue to practice the three Ws at all times. When it gets difficult—and it does—step away, take a break, and find a way to recuperate.

Above all, thank you for enduring through the most difficult of times.

### **UNC Update**

The rise in cases at UNC-Chapel Hill has been significant in the last couple of weeks. The University has reduced the number of students in dorms down to roughly 800 students. A number of students have returned to their hometowns to study on-line while many others remain in our community. We are working closely with the University to address concerns about the spread of the virus especially through unlawful mass gatherings. The Town has begun issuing citations for egregious violations of the law and for repeat offenders. UNC-Chapel Hill is also taking steps to discipline students who violate our community standards.

### **UNC Athletics**

UNC-Chapel Hill fall sports teams are preparing to play games this fall however they will do so without fans in the stands through at least the month of September. The University will also discourage tailgating to help minimize the spread of the virus.

### **Labor Day Holiday**

As another holiday quickly approaches, Monday, Sept. 7, I have to ask you to please keep your health and safety top of mind when you’re making your plans. I hope you do get to take some time to unplug and get away from it all. We’re heading into a busy time of year as the Town Council returns to session in September (next week).

### **Flu Shot Drive-Through Clinics**

Our medical experts tell us this will be an important year to get flu shots. We’re in the middle of a pandemic, and any additional illness will add to the stress on our health care systems. Not to mention, we want you to stay well!

The Wellness at Work Clinic has set a few dates for drive-through flu shots beginning in two weeks.

- Friday, Sept 11, Friday, Sept 18, Thursday, Sept 24, and Friday, Sept 25

Times and locations for these opportunities will be announced next week. Contact information for the Wellness at Work Clinic is below.



## 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).

Thank you for all you do. Take care of yourself and your family.

All the Best,  
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