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Attachments: [Tomorrow's Flu Shot Clinic cancelled](#)

Hello Everyone,

I am very thankful that we can look back on this week with positives: below-forecasted rainfall from the remnants of Hurricane Sally and COVID-19 numbers statewide continue to fall. We remain cautiously optimistic that everyone is in a good routine and practiced the necessary safety guidelines (wear, wait, wash) during the Labor Day holiday weekend to avoid a spike in cases.

As repetitive as it feels right now, we must double down on these efforts until public health officials tell us it is safe to do otherwise. Thank you for your patience and all your hard work through these challenging times. Your efforts are recognized and appreciated by our Town Council and all our community members.

Flu Shot Clinic

Thank you to the 66 employees and family members who did their part to help us in the fight against the flu. While the flu shot is not a guarantee against the illness, medical professionals say it's the best tool we have.

Unfortunately, the wet weather yesterday forced the Wellness Clinic to call off the drive-through flu shot clinic today. There are two more opportunities to get your free flu shot from the Town. Please see the attached email from the Wellness Committee for details.



What is the ERT?

The Exposure Response Team (ERT) has been working every day since the start of our response to the pandemic to focus on the health and safety of all employees. I wanted to provide you with a brief reminder about what these staff members do.

How does the ERT decide when an employee has had a possible COVID-19 exposure and needs to be quarantined and tested? What are the criteria?

The ERT uses the CDC guidelines and advice from our medical advisor to determine what constitutes an exposure that is significant enough to remove an employee from the workplace in order to protect other employees and members of the public. Every potential exposure situation is different and discussed with our medical advisor to determine the best course of action. All medical information remains confidential. This process has been quite successful in protecting our employees.

If you are curious about this process and would like more information, please reach out to Human Resource Development Director Cliff Turner or ask your supervisor to seek additional details.

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.

If you leave home, know your Ws!



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.

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

All the Best,
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