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Hello Everyone,

Recent cooler temperatures remind us that fall is upon us with the holidays right around the corner. I have always enjoyed this time of year. It's a time to gather with friends and family and to relax. This year those gatherings may look and feel different than they have in the past due to COVID but the wish to spend time with loved ones will probably be stronger than ever. That interest and the recent move to Phase 3 of our re-opening might naturally lead to some level of complacency about the virus. But we must remain diligent in our adherence to the guidelines set forth by public health officials. We can both enjoy this season and protect ourselves. For instance, you can find below links to the Orange County Health Department and the State of North Carolina that provide guidance on how to handle Halloween this year.

Orange County link: [orangecountync.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=595](https://orangecountync.gov/CivicAlerts.aspx?AID=595)

NC DHHS link: [files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/NCDHHS-Interim-Guidance-for-Halloween.pdf](https://files.nc.gov/covid/documents/guidance/NCDHHS-Interim-Guidance-for-Halloween.pdf)

Let's all keep up our great efforts to protect ourselves and others from this deadly virus.

### How would you like to communicate?

Many of us—not all of us—were thrust into a much more virtual life than we were used to experiencing due to this pandemic. Because of that, the ways in which we communicate with each other have changed drastically.

I want to invite you to share with us how you would like to communicate. If you have ideas about a different way of communicating or receiving communication, please share that information with your supervisor or use one of the resources outlined below.


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Speaking of communication, you should have received the latest issue of TOWNtalk in your email last week. In case you missed it, I've attached it to this message.

### 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 leave home, know your Ws!**



**WEAR** a cloth face covering.

**WAIT** 6 feet apart. Avoid close contact.

**WASH** your hands often or use hand sanitizer.

@NCDHHS #StayStrongNC

- 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, every day. Keep your head up and do your best to remain healthy.

All the Best,  
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