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Academic Insight

A newsletter brought to you by Academic Affairs

A Message from Vice Provost Phil Kass

An important goal of the Office of Academic Affairs is to provide timely information and university updates. There are several critical new developments related to COVID-19 and salaries of academic members, so we are sending out this abbreviated newsletter to get this information to you as soon as possible. As always, please utilize the links we provide for the fullest possible information.

Please keep safe and well,

Phil

IMPORTANT INFORMATION COVID-19 Reporting Protocols

In an effort to maintain a healthy working environment for faculty, staff and students, UC Davis has established a mandatory reporting process regarding COVID-19. You must use the reporting process if:

- a **COVID-19 test has been administered** to you, an immediate family member or a UC Davis colleague, or
- a **positive COVID-19 diagnosis has been returned** to you, an immediate family member, or UC Davis colleague.

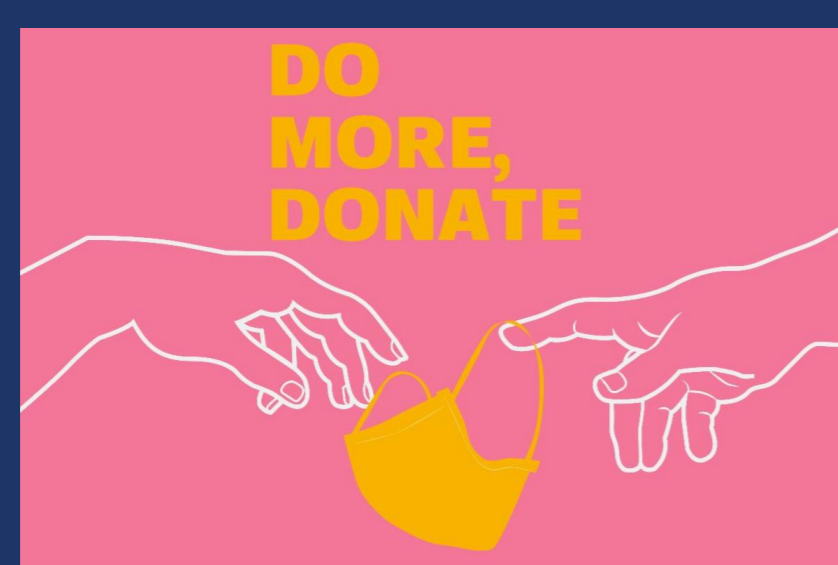


For additional details, including limited exceptions, please go to the Safety Services website on [Reporting COVID-19 Tests, Concerns & Confirmed Cases](#).

System-wide Pay Freeze and Academic Advancement in 2019-2020

On Monday, May 18th, UC President Janet Napolitano distributed [a letter to the UC community](#) and [supplemental FAQ](#), announcing a system-wide pay freeze for policy-covered staff and policy-covered, non-student academic appointments. Please note that regular academic peer-review merit advancement will continue as-is to ensure a stable faculty pipeline, and to maintain teaching and research. Visit the [UCOP website](#) to learn more.

Catastrophic Leave Bank



Academic Affairs has been working with the UC Path team and UCD Human Resources to expand catastrophic leave options.

Effective May 1, 2020 employees may donate vacation leave to a **general pool** for use by colleagues in need due to a catastrophic illness or catastrophic event. Before this development employees could only donate to specific individuals. [Click here to learn more.](#)

New Fraud Prevention Website



Help keep the university safe from fraud by visiting the new [UC Davis Fraud Prevention website](#) and learning about ways to prevent, detect, and report suspected fraud. Watch a short 7-minute video on fraud prevention and learn from real fraud cases identified at UC Davis.

Support for Faculty Parents



In light of our shift to shelter-in-place and remote work, the pressures on faculty with young children have intensified, making it even more challenging to respond to work demands. The convener of the pilot **Faculty Parent Support Group**, Professor Diane Wolf, is making herself available to faculty parents to confidentially discuss how to navigate these challenges. To arrange a one-on-one meeting at a time convenient for you, please email Diane directly at dlwolf@ucdavis.edu.

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